

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In session and assembled at the
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky
September 11, 12 and 13, 1998**

Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator

Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. - Clerk

Elder Edwin Hay - Assistant Clerk

Brother Archie Prince - Assistant Clerk

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FRIDAY
September 11, 1998

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with the host Churches, the Narrows Branch, Big Branch, Dix Fork, Enon, Turkey Creek, Salem, and Mt. Pleasant Churches, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1998.

Delighted that "Association" was finally here, this Old Regular Baptist family began to arrive early, first in one and two cars then in convoys of six, eight and ten as they got caught behind the slow car up front. Swiftly they abandoned the parking grounds to join the growing crowd in the building where open arms and broad smiles engulfed one and all. Many were still praising the Lord for last night's Services attended by Elders Gordon Akers, Leon Robinson, Glen Dixon, and Thomas J. Dials, all of the Sardis Association, and prayer by Brother Leo Slone, of Old Indian Bottom Association.

About the hour of 9:30 a.m. Elder Thomas J. Dials, our very able Moderator, entered the Stand in the Business Room to welcome the congregation and announced the arrangements. Its "how we come together" that matters, he said, I feel love here today and pray this love will continue in this Association.

Elder Richard Staton, having been chosen as alternate for this year's Introductory Sermon, came in the Opening hoping he can preach repentance as John the Baptist did. Time is short, he said, and as that old Baptist preached, prepare ye for the coming of the Lord, come to the Light and get in the safety of His arms.

Preaching Jesus to be the Way, the Truth and the Life, Brother Richard declared that man has something to do, take up your cross and follow Jesus and pitch your tent toward Zion. Brother Richard then led in prayer.

Elder Sabert Nichols came to the Stand to preach the Introductory Sermon in his own humble, gentle but straight forward way. Looking over the congregation he declared, "what a great crowd of witnesses." God is love, he preached, and there is great love in the heart of God's people which will make itself manifest. My God, my Redeemer is alive; he testified, and I feel Him in my heart.

Preaching Jesus standing as a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world and declared to be the Son of God in these last days, Brother Sabert showed through the Scripture that men and women

must come down to the feet of Jesus, seek forgiveness for sin and unrighteousness and, by Grace, experience a new birth in God's love.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations remained in the Business Room for the Work of this Association and, as is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends were dismissed to assemble in the Preaching Room to hear the preaching of:

Elder Floyd Jude, Union Association

Elder Bill Tackett, New Salem Association

Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association

Elder Woody Pack, New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, called to seats the delegates from our churches sent to represent them in this Association and the delegates sent by our Corresponding Sister Associations.

Brother Tommy then called upon Elder Paris Tackitt, Assistant Moderator, Northern New Salem Association, to open the Service. Brother Paris, weak in body, but strong in spirit gave God the Glory for being able to be at the Sardis Association. Brother Paris stated he believed in a travel. He said God let him understand, though he had been very sick, he was not through and that one day he expects to walk the street of gold and reap his reward. He said the Lord leads in all righteousness and its good to dwell in unity and thru mercy He hears our cries. Brother Paris stated that some day he hopes to see Jesus.

Elder Franklin O'Quinn, Moderator of the Union Association, led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, came to the Stand hoping we can "cleave" to one another and to that Stone cut out of the mountain without hands. He admonished the delegates to inquire of God before speaking in this Association and, if it be from Heaven, say it, but if not, refrain.

(2) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to receive contributions sent to the Association by the several Churches as follows:

Brother James Blackburn

Elder Gary Adair

Elder Jerry Thompson

(3) The Moderator called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.

(4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Clerk read the Letter from the Narrows Branch Church, and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$ 4,540 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association.

(7) The Moderator appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates for Officers to serve the Sardis Association for the coming year and instructed the delegates to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk:

Elder Paris Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association

Elder Franklin O'Quinn, Union Association

Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 1998 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk

Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

(9) The Clerk and Assistant Clerk had asked the delegation for additional assistance in performing the Clerk's duties. Under the 15th Article of our Constitution, a motion and second was made to re-appoint Brother Archie Prince, with his consent, to serve as an Assistant Clerk. No Objection. Therefore, Brother Archie Prince is Assistant Clerk and an Officer of the Sardis Association for the coming year.

(10) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Larry Dixon, New Salem Association

Elder Murl Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association

Elder Wayne Turner, Northern New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Phillip Estep, Old Friendship Association

Elder Franklin O'Quinn, Union Association

Elder Haston Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom Association

Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association

Elder Sam Franks, Northern New Salem Association

(11) Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren and to see that the Stand be supplied with ministers:

Elder Elbert Sesco
Brother Kelly Stanley
Brother Landon Taylor

(12) By regular move and second, the reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum was omitted.

(13) The Moderator called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters were read and, by regular move and second, were received, the delegates seated with us in Council and given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Franklin O'Quinn, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jesse L. Williamson, Thomas E. Thacker, Robert Clay, Ked Adkins, James Gannon, Gary Varney, Lonnie Staton, Gillis Hamilton, Ed Baker, Barry Lucas, Jack Akers, Frank M. Coleman, Amos Bartley, Paul E. Coleman, Jerry Estep, Floyd Jude, Paul Hogston and Herman West. Letter in the hands of Elder Franklin O'Quinn.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, Paul Griffey, Alvin Brown, James Tackett, David Hicks, Norman Conn, J. D. Clarke, Ellis Holbrook, Hiram Adkins, Woody Pack, Squire Hamilton, Billy Hamilton, Clinton Moore, Walter Akers, Hershell Slone, Teddy Burke, John Paul Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Otis Johnson, Ralph Slone, Jr., Jimmy Dye, Woodrow Dye, Jimmy Hall, Lee Fields, Zan Johnson, Bill Tackett, Harold Tackett, Clarence Potter, Jr., Johnny Thornsberry, Dee Osborne, Jimmy Amos, Windell Hamilton, Mike Justice, Gayle Brown, John G. Stratton, Pat Hall, Hershel Conn, Bud Bates, James Hamilton, Clifford Williams, Glen Hall, Monroe Jones, and Edward Newsome. Letter in the hands of Brother Pete Hensley.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Paris Tackitt, John Jude, Larry Dixon, Raymond Gillman, Sam Franks, Terry Hall, Raymond Stapleton, Roy Caudill, Larry Newsome, C. W. Turner and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Elder Hillard Newsome.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Harlan E. Barney, Paul Morrison, Lowell Adkins, Luther Ramey, Jr., Creed Thomas, Harrison Runyon, John Paul Clark, Walter Morrison, Lee Blevins, Donnie Brown, Gary Blevins, Paul Moore, and Glen Merritt. Letter in the hands of Brother Glen Merritt.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Leonard Coleman, Danny Hurley, George Baker, Kermit Lester, David Bailey, Dave Gibson, Gary Brown, Monroe Matney, Austine Salmons, Zeb Justus, Phillip Estep, Doug Reed, Junior Coleman, Williard Hicks, Woodrow Whitt, Roger McCoy, John R. Justice and Johnnie Paul Cline. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Leo Slone, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Ted Amburgey, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Rodney D. Slone, Delmar Jones, Vance Blair, Clay Haynes, Arvil Mullins, Bennett Adams, Claren Williams and Jeff Roark. Letter in the hands of Brother Vance Blair.

(14) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Stanley Campbell, Sr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Jerry Thompson, Danny Thompson, Jason May, W. H. Cochran, Frank Sheppard, Larry R. May, Gary Adair, Elbert SESCO, and Dale Williamson.

(15) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and none responded.

(16) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second this committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. today.

(17) On motion by Brother Clayburn Varney, second by Brother William Stanley Campbell, Jr. the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 12, 1998.

SATURDAY **September 12, 1998**

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Association Building where, about the hour of 9:00 a. m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand, called the house to order, and asked Elder Roy Caudill, Moderator of the Northern New Salem Association, to open these Services.

Weak in body, Brother Roy did not stand very long and hoped the delegates would work in the love he saw here today. Speaking directly to our young people, Brother Roy very sweetly directed them to "seek Jesus in your youth."

Elder Ellis Holbrook, Moderator of the New Salem Association, led in prayer.

Preparing to lead this Association through today's work, Brother Tommy re-entered the Stand and read, Psalms 34:17: "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles."

Very sincerely and in great love, Brother Tommy reminded the delegated of their solemn duty to their Church and to this Association. Let us, he said, be humble and work in love for the up building of both.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.

(2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.

(3) Appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our 1999 Association; who shall be his Alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1999 Association:

Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Wayne Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Murl Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder David Crigger, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Leon Robinson, Alternate
Elder Dale Williamson, Prepare Circular Letter

(4) The Committee appointed Friday to arrange the preaching met and selected the following Brethren to preach Saturday night and Sunday and was discharged:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Lee Fields, New Salem Association
Elder Gary Compton, New Salem Association
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association
Elder Thomas Thacker, Union Association
Elder Clifford Williams, New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder Ked Adkins, Union Association
Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Windell Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(5) Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. reported that he had been in contact with the Lauren Land Company to lease the coal on land owned by Sardis Association. He read a letter, dated September 11, 1998, from Lauren Land Company containing the general terms of the proposed coal lease which, if accepted by the Sardis Association, on or before October 15, 1998, would authorize both parties to enter into negotiations for a formal lease.

After discussion, and on motion from Elder Tommy Ellis, second by Elder Richard Staton, and no objection, Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. was authorized to negotiate a lease with Lauren Land Company and Sardis Association Trustees were authorized to sign the lease.

(6) Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report and, by regular move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand 9-13-97		\$ 8,890.11
Interest received 8-30-97 to 8-31-98		\$ 170.93
Pilgrims Home Church excess Food Fund donations		\$ 560.85
Community Trust Bank Loans		\$ 32,000.00
Returned Supplies		\$ 55.25
Sale of Blackboards, Bunk Beds, etc.		\$ 498.80
Apartment Building Rent		\$ 475.00
Building Fund donations		\$ 31,341.75
Food Fund donations for 1998 Association		\$ 6,200.00
Total available for 1997		\$ 80,192.69
Less 1997 Expenses:		
Print 3,500 copies of minutes	\$ 3,948.00	
Install Heating and Cooling	\$ 25,520.22	
Purchase 350 Dining Room Chairs	\$ 3,132.50	
Purchase 48 Pews for Preaching Room	\$ 18,210.00	
Carpet Preaching Room	\$ 2,459.75	
Apartment Remodeling	\$ 8,251.34	
Building Repair and Remodeling	\$ 4,749.47	
Liability Insurance	\$ 601.25	
Electricity	\$ 783.32	
Supply and Postage(Including Memorial)	\$ 920.23	
Cut Grass	\$ 304.00	
Interest Expense	\$ 327.82	
Loan Repayment	\$ 2,200.00	
Total 1997 Expenses		<u>(\$71,411.90)</u>
Balance on hand 9-11-98		\$ 8,780.79

(7) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1998 and that he be allowed \$50 for his expense.

(8) Received the report of the Building Committee and by regular move and second, it is ordered that the Building Committee be released and commended on a job well done and that the Moderator appoint a new Building Committee to be responsible for all use, repair, improvements, maintenance and preservation of the property, with their consent:

Brother Larry R. May	Elder Jack Robinette	Brother Paul Maynard
Brother Les McGuire	Brother David May	Brother Charles Canada
Brother Donald Joe Evans	Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.	

(9) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expense.

(10) Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and feeling very blessed to be alive read his letter. By regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our minutes.

(11) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, Old Friendship Association and Old Indian Bottom Association; that our Clerk prepare the Letters of Correspondence and File of Minutes; and that Brethren to attend these Associations as delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the host Churches at the Union Association Building, Ash Camp, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1998: Arthur May, Edwin Hay, Billy Joe Robinson, Jim Stumbo, Harold Blackburn, Sabert Nichols, Bobby Scott, Sr., Bob Justice, James Blackburn, Hershel Jude, Fred Muncy, Earl Robinette, Bobby Lee Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Willie Blackburn, Hobart Hamilton, Berlin Thornsby, Willie Stiltner, Virgil Fletcher, Billie Brumfield, Henry Jude and Clyde Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1998: Hobart Hamilton, Willie Blackburn, James Blackburn, Berlin Thornsby, Thomas J. Dials, Edwin Hay, Chester Cochran, Hershel Jude, Sabert Nichols, Bobby L. Scott, Glen Dixon, Earl Robinette, Bobby Joe Robinson, Wayne Herald, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Joe Evans, Larry R. May, Henry Jude and Marion Duncan. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1999: Chester Cochran, Marion Duncan, Gary Adair, Hobart Hamilton, Jim Cochran, Thomas J. Dials, James Blackburn, Hershel Jude, Berlin Thornsby, James Barney, Clyde Brown, Ron Knox, Gordon Akers, Glenn Dixon, Clayburn Varney, Henry Jude, Bobby Scott, Sr., Lester Cochran and Edwin Hay. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Rosa Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1999: Ron Knox, Chester Cochran, Jim Cochran, Willie Blackburn, James Barney, Archie Prince, Larry R. May, Lester Cochran, Frankie Scott, Bobby Scott, Sr., Clyde Brown, Albert Cable, James Hensley, Arthur May, David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Berlin Thornsby, Billie Brumfield, Edwin Hay and Greg Scott. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, WV beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1999: Berlin Thornsby, Bobby L. Scott, Willie Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Les McGuire, Marion Duncan, Charles Testerman, Hobart Hamilton, Sabert Nichols, Charles Canada, Edwin Hay, Lester Cochran and Elbert Sesco. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsby.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Little Home Church, Red Fox, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1999: Edwin Hay, Joe Evans, Berlin Thornsby, James Blackburn, Willie Blackburn, Ron Knox, Les McGuire, Leon Robinson, Charles Canada, Jason May, Bobby L. Scott, Gordon Akers, Alex Hensley, James Gilman, Wallace Muncy, Eddie Marcum, Glen Dixon, Thomas J. Dials, Gary Adair, Chester Cochran, Lester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton and Archie Prince. Letter in the hands of Elder Joe Evans.

(12) Read the Letter of Condolence from our Sister Association, the Northern New Salem Association, and, by move and second, ordered it be printed in our Minutes.

(13) The Clerk reported that he had only purchased liability insurance on the building and that it cost about \$600.00. He reported that fire insurance cost so much the Association could not afford it. Motion by Elder Tommy Ellis and second by Elder Richard Staton for the Clerk to purchase liability insurance on the Sardis Association property.

(14) Sardis Church had previously requested to purchase the tent that had been used by the Sardis Association and on motion by Brother Dewey Blackburn and second by Brother Gordon Akers it was ordered that the tent be given to the Sardis Church.

(15) Read the Request from the Turkey Creek, Mary Elizabeth, Salem, and Buck Creek Churches asking that the Clerk add a "Standing Item" section to our minute that would include items in our 1997 Minute that have been printed unchanged for three consecutive years and, in the future, automatically print as a "Standing Item" any item that has been printed unchanged for three consecutive years. Any "Standing Item" can be changed or removed at anytime by a Request from one of our Churches that is approved by the Association.

The Request was granted on move from Elder Richard Staton, second by Elder Willie Blackburn, and Items 13, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 20 of our 1997 Minutes are printed in the "Standing Items" section of the Minute.

(16) By move and second it is ordered that advice given in Item 17 of our 1997 Minutes be reprinted as follows:

"We, the Sardis Association, advise our Sister Churches that it is not our practice to use sisters or double-married men in any function of the ministry, including leading prayer, in any of our Church services."

(17) By move and second it is ordered that advice given in Item 18 of our 1997 Minutes be reprinted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ADVICE ON RECEIVING MEMBERS

Salem Church, Goody, Pike County, KY

March 30, 1996

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Sardis Association:

Your Committee appointed at Item 19, page 9, of our 1995 Minute has performed its duty to the best of its ability and presents its Report and Recommended Answer to the Request presented to you by the Churches at our 1995 Association.

Hear and understand this was not a simple undertaking and each member of your Committee labored in much prayer seeking the Will of the Lord as we struggled with three differing beliefs and opinions among Sardis Association Brethren on the question of receiving members with more than one living companion:

- (1) Neither party is entitled to membership as long as they remain in that condition.
- (2) Only the innocent party is entitled to membership, if that party can prove by Gospel or Church evidence it is the innocent party.
- (3) Either party is entitled to membership upon demonstration of an Experience of Grace and New Birth.

The Receiving of Members is the only question before this Committee and we do not consider any other question. Therefore, we recommend that Item 20 and Item 22, page 10, of our 1995 Minute be changed to read:

"We advise the member Churches of the Sardis Association that in the receiving of members by any means who have more than one living husband or wife to only receive those that have put away their companion for the cause of fornication and that each Church shall be the judge of the evidence presented and if any Sister Church knows of evidence to the contrary they would have a right to present such evidence to that Church."

Prayerfully consider this Report and diligently strive for peace among the Churches.

Elder Isom Hannah, Moderator of the Committee

Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Clerk of the Committee

(18) Read the Request of the Samaria Church asking the Association to request the Salem Church to line up with Item 18 of our 1996 Minutes. After a good discussion was had on the request, motion from Elder Jerry Runyon and second by Elder Chester Cochran to send a Committee to the Salem Church and the Samaria Church to talk to them and try to work this out and report back to the Association next year. Objection was filed by Elder Bobby Sesco. Vote of the delegates showed 49 in favor of the motion and 22 in favor of the objection. The Moderator appointed the following:

Elder Frankie Scott	Elder Chester Cochran
Elder Tommy Ellis	Elder Richard Staton
Elder Sabert Nichols	Elder Tom Dials
Elder Hobart Hamilton	

(19) Read the Request from the Pilgrims Home Church asking that the obituary of Brother John B. Hale be printed in the Sardis Association Minutes. The request was granted by regular move and second.

(20) Read the Request from the Sidney Church asking that the obituary of Brother Lewis Jude be printed in the Sardis Association Minutes. The request was granted by regular move and second.

(21) By regular move and second, the report of Brethren called in Association, Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings was omitted today.

(22) Read the Request from the Elk Fork Church asking for advice on the Gospel(Legal) way to approach a problem of Brothers being accused of having a school and teaching false doctrine in said school. Do our Brothers go first to the Churches to see if they will withdraw their allegations or does the Elk Fork Church send a committee? Motion by Brother Ron Knox and second by Brother Bobby L. Scott to advise the Brother to go to the offending Church and if they won't hear him; go back to his home Church and ask that a committee be sent.

(23) Read the Request from the Rebecca Church asking the Association to effect an order that will, with great love and persuasion, halt the practice of conducting Bible Study Schools and print in our minutes the answer to each point of doctrine listed below:

No travel and/or travail

No faith except to the Church [i.e., you don't have any faith until after you join the Church]

Scripture written only to the Church

No repentance until you join the Church

Delayed and/or conditional enlightenment, etc.

Motion by Elder Billy Williamson and second by Elder Joe Evans to advise the Rebecca Church that the Constitution, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and past orders of the Sardis Association are sufficient and to refer the Rebecca Church to these and let them work with them. An objection was filed by Elder Edwin Hay. Vote of the delegates showed 35 in favor of the motion and 28 in favor of the objection.

(24) Read the Request of the Pilgrims Home Church to host our 1999 Association. A request was filed on the floor of the Association by Elder Leon Robinson to allow the Pilgrims Rest Church to co-host the Association. On regular move and second it is ordered that the 1999 Sardis Association be co-hosted by the Pilgrims Home and the Pilgrims Rest Churches at the Association Building and that all Churches help these Churches host the Association. It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 1999 to:

Brother John H Elkins, Clerk
31 Middle Fork
Hatfield, KY 41514

The Sardis Association Building is located on KY Route 881 at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky. Follow US Route 119 from Pikeville, KY toward Williamson, WV for about 12 miles to the foot of Bent Mountain and turn left onto Route 881 for about 10 miles to Brushy School Road on the left. If traveling from Williamson, WV toward Pikeville, KY on US Route 119, the distance is about 16 miles to Route 881.

(25) We, the Sardis Association and the Host Churches, are truly humbled and thankful for the bountiful blessings of God through the work of so many people whose name should but can not be listed in this "Thank You." We can, however, and do pray that God will likewise bless you time and time again for your every deed!

We thank Fuzzy Keese, Sheriff of Pike County, for the Deputies who helped with traffic and Chris Meade for the ice machine and ice. A special note of thanks is made to Phillip Smith, Chief of the Gulnare Volunteer Fire Department, for the fire truck and EMT's Jimmy Easterling and B. J. Scalf stationed at the building. The services of EMT B. J. Scalf were extremely helpful during a medical emergency on Sunday. His care and skill reassured the patient, family and friends.

(26) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is ordered that these minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.


(27) On motion by Brother Ron Knox, second by Brother William Stanley Campbell, Jr., it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place set out above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1999.

(28) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Wayne Turner of the Northern New Salem Association and he then led in Prayer.

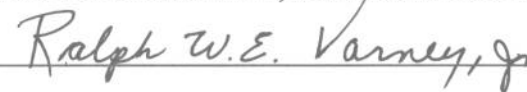
(29) This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.



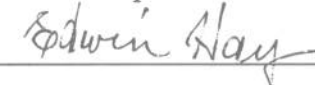
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator



Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator



Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk



Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk



Brother Archie Prince, Assistant Clerk

STANDING ITEMS

Item 1. Item 14 of our 1975 Minutes is reprinted, without the preamble, as follows:

Sardis Association
of Old Regular Baptist

September 13, 1975
Dingess, West Virginia

Brethren:

In answer to the Query from the Dix Fork Church asking, "Does the Sardis Association believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an Advisory body, say:

To answer this query in the affirmative would be interpreted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer this Query in the negative would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water. We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members, both Brethren and Sisters, to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in a manner that they can easily be identified from the world. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe, and the Association has so stated in the past, that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members as long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Brother James M. Ray

Item 2. The Association, by regular move and second, said that if a Sister has cut her hair, she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again, she will be excluded.

Item 3. It is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Churches not to marry anyone having a living husband or wife unless they bring scripture evidence for putting their husband or wife away. (1929 minute)

Item 4. It is ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)

Item 5. It is ordered that requests for Union, Communion and Memorial meetings be published in our Minutes.

Item 6. By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brethren and Sisters that are in good standing with the Churches at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. Also, friends of the Churches that are recommended by the Churches be printed in a separate section of our minute. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$15.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

Clerks Note: Please note the above order - it is incumbent upon the churches in the Sardis Association that they be the screen and recommending body of Obituaries of Friends to be printed in our minutes and identify the same (by note or otherwise) to the Clerks when the Obituary is turned in. Each Church Moderator is further required to screen and approve any Obituary of a Friend of the Church and to reject any Obituary that has language that is offensive to the Sardis Association.

SUNDAY
September 13, 1998

About the hour of 10:00 am, Elder Hobart Hamilton, our Assistant Moderator, came to the stand welcoming everyone. He stated we all don't agree, but the Love of God will let us work it out and that we want the Lord's will to be done. He asked that we pray for the preaching Brethren. He said God has got the Bread that will let us forget it for a while and we can thank the Lord. Brother Hobart then announced the arrangements.

Elder Ked Adkins of the Union Association came in the Introduction stating he came in fear and trembling and that he felt honored. He stated that he loves Gods family. Brothers Ked preached that some day God will call our name and that we must have Faith in God.

Elder Danny Belcher, Assistant Clerk of the Union Association then led in prayer.

Elder Ellis Holbrook, Moderator of the New Salem Association then came to the stand in fear, not of man, but of God who can destroy both Soul and Body. He then sang "On the Other Side Of Jordan" He proceeded to preach about the river he had passed on the way this morning. The river was full of trash and he said in this river you find sickness and death. He preached that there is another river that flows from the throne of God and in this river there is Life. God holds our life in his Hand and without God we could do nothing. Brother Ellis was blessed to preach from the St. John, Chapter 21, verses 15 and 16 about the Lord appearing to Simon Peter and telling him Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Feed my lambs. Simon, Son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Feed my sheep. Simon, Son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Feed my sheep. He preached God is a Spirit and seeketh such to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. He then preached from Revelations Chapter 1, Verse 13, "And in the mist of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man." His mind was then led back to the river that flowed from the throne of God. Isaiah says abide in this river, there is peace there. Brother Ellis preached that there is reality in the Lord and that we should look to the hills from which our help comes from. He said our help comes from the Lord.

Elder Windell Hamilton of the New Salem Association followed him to the stand and sang "Ride Out Your Storm". He stated he had a good feeling when he came here and that the Lord had given it to him. He said God promised a home over in the Glory World. He said God has given to every man a measure of faith and that men and women had faith and didn't use it and were turned over to a hardness of heart. Works without faith is dead and faith without works is dead. Jesus died so we could be reconciled back with God and you can go to Heaven if you want to. He preached every man and woman that will come down on their knees and repent can go to Heaven and every man and woman that has been born of the Spirit of God will go to Heaven.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, came to the stand very thankful for the overflowing crowd. He stated that he was very thankful for what has been said and felt today. Brother Tom said we have a better home. He preached we may differ here, but let us strive together and let that love overshadow that. He said we need peace with one another, but more than anything else we need God and we can rejoice in the Glory of God, Glory in tribulation. He stated Jesus is the only way. He said he thought he had sinned the day of grace away but the Lord had delivered him. You need to give your heart to God and trust in Him. We need one another, but more than anything else, we need Jesus. Ye must be born of the Holy Ghost Baptism; Jesus is coming again. You must get on that Rock. The Spirit of life must come down in your life and ye must be born again.

Elder Gary Young called the dismissal.

Words fail us to describe the joy on earth and surely rejoicing in Heaven when one by one after Sunday Services Brother Roy Lee May, Brother Steve White, Brother Eric Lee May and Sister Betty J. Oosley gave their hand and were baptized.

May God bless the Sardis Association and may peace and love be in our hearts until we meet again.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Sardis Association, The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Officers, and Delegates that make up this Association, and to the entire delegation from our corresponding Associations. Also to all who may hear the reading of this letter and especially to those who may choose to read these writings in the future, as I have read many of the letters left behind by our highly esteemed Elders who have crossed over into a rest from their labors here on earth.

After being chosen last Association to write the Circular Letter for this year, I will make my humble endeavor to do so. I feel very unworthy to address such a great host of Brethren and Sisters and need your prayers and support as I make this undertaking.

I have been with you for many years now and have seen several changes take place but I believe that the Sardis Association has tried, by the help of the Lord, to hold on to the doctrine and practice we believe and hold so dear to our hearts. Many different things have come to my mind and not knowing what to write about I have prayed many times for the help of the Lord.

This past year has been a very trying year for me. For a time I thought that when this Association rolled around that I would be with the Lord. I have witnessed once again that when God's children come down to die and are near death that all of the dread and worry leaves you and peace comes over your entire being and you can truly say farewell vain world for I am going home to be with the Lord. For there comes a time when our bodies are just not able to live here anymore and the believers in Christ can face death without fear, for to be with Christ is far better. *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. (Ps 116:15)* After having heart surgery again in December 1997, it did not look as if I would be able to be here and read this letter at this Association Meeting. So as soon as I had the strength to write after surgery, I began this letter. I wanted to leave behind some of what I believe and have stood for all of these years, so this letter has been prepared for some time.

When we were born into this world, the natural death had already been pronounced upon us because of the disobedience of Adam. There are two parts to a man, there is an inner man and there is an outer man. As in the beginning of time when *The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul, (Gen 2:7)* This scripture spoke then about both men. As it is written, God first made man (the outer man) which was of the earth, earthly and then when God breathed into man's nostrils, man became a living soul (the inner man). When Adam sinned by disobedience, he caused the natural death which is to the outer man to be appointed, *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. (Heb 9:27)* Adam not only caused the natural death to be appointed upon himself, but all multiplied Adam, including you and I. When Adam disobeyed God, not only did he bring the natural death upon himself and all mankind, he himself also died inwardly, for *The soul that sinneth, it shall*

die. (Ezek 18:20) I believe that Jesus spoke of both of these deaths when one of his disciples asked that he might tarry to bury his father and Jesus said, *Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.* (Matt 8:22, Luke 9:60) I believe that Jesus meant except you pick up your cross and follow Him you are still in the world and are dead inwardly in trespasses in sin, and that the father of the disciple was dead in body and them that were around him were dead inwardly because they were still in sin. Therefore, let them bury the father, or let the dead bury the dead.

So when we were born into this world even though the natural death was already pronounced upon the outer man, the inner man or the soul was alive without sin, and if we had died in this state, Heaven would be our home. But, when we came to the knowledge of the laws of God and the commandments came and sin revived and we died, we died inwardly and were like the ones Jesus was talking about when He said let the "dead bury their dead." So, we were not only dead inwardly in the eyes of God, because of sin, but the second death was pronounced upon us and if we died without repenting of our sins and being "Born Again", then we would have to stand before God and be judged by the things written in the books and both soul and body cast into a lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death. *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.* (Rev 20:14)

A person who is dead inwardly in the world because of sin, must repent of their sins, believe that Jesus is the Christ and be "Born again" not of a corruptible seed but, by an incorruptible, by the word of God. *Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God,* (John 3:3). Also, *Buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life,* (Romans 6:4). Our body, even though it continues to perish in this life, it will live again in the resurrection as a heavenly body. The Lord has promised us that He will remember our body and raise it from the grave. There are many scriptures that tell us how the resurrection will be, including, *And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:* (Job 19:26) also, *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God,* (Romans 8:21), and *So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.* (1 Cor 15:42, 43, 44). Also, *but if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.* (Romans 8:11) It shall be the same body that is resurrected that went down in the grave, but changed to a spiritual body. For as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. *And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.* (1 Cor 15:37, 38) It will not be by chance but by the mighty Power of God.

Jesus also spoke of both men when He said: *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:25, 28, 29) He was not talking about hearing with a natural ear but a spiritual ear from the heart of the inner man when He said the hour now is when the dead shall hear His voice and shall live, for the word shall go into all of the world, but all will not believe. In the resurrection all shall hear His voice and every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ, The Son of the Living God.

When God created man He created him to give Him glory and honor but man has failed from the beginning of time. God foreknew what man would do and was willing before the foundation of the world to let his Son, in due time come down to this earth and die for the sin of His creation. *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* (Rev 13:8) God has always had a plan for the salvation of man from the foundation of the world and there were predestinated men to fulfill that plan and in due season that which was written in the books of Moses and the books of Psalms concerning Jesus, the Son of God, was to be fulfilled. Time in this world was given by dispensations and I believe that we are living in the last dispensation of time today when all things will be fulfilled and time will come to an end as we know it. As it was written by Apostle Paul, *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.* (Eph 1:5, 1:7, 1:10, 1:11) Now if the plan of salvation had stopped there brethren with the predestinated you and I would be lost and Apostle Peter would have been right when he believed that the gentiles did not have a right to the Tree of Life, before he was converted, for we were aliens to the commonwealth of Israel and were without God, having no hope in the world. We were in a terrible condition but thanks be to God the plan of salvation didn't stop there, but included us also, for after He arose from the dead He sent His Gospel unto the whole world, as it is written unto us: *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.* (Eph 1:13) When Jesus died on the cross He broke down the middle wall of partition between the Jew and the Greek and we all came together in one in Christ Jesus fulfilling the scriptures that He would turn to a people that was not His people. Jesus first fulfilled His promise to Israel and then He said go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to ever creature and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Now all has not yet been fulfilled in this last dispensation of time (The Generation of Jesus Christ) for the last enemy is yet to be destroyed which is called death, and then shall the Kingdom be delivered up to the Father. No one knows the hour when time will cease but the Father in Heaven, but as we look around us today we can surely see that all of the scriptures are being fulfilled and I believe that soon an angel will put one foot upon the sea and the other foot upon the sand and lift up

his hands and declare that time shall be no more. *And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:* (Rev 10:5, 10:6)

My beloved Brethren, Sisters and Friends, I realize that this letter is getting long and time and space would not allow me to write all that is upon my mind. Not even the half has been told. I may never be able to address you again in this life so I leave these words to all who might read this letter, even after I'm gone, that Heaven is real and Salvation is up to everyone to accept or deny it and is between you and God. Jesus is our High Priest and is sitting on the right hand of God and if you want to drink of the water of life you will have to go to Him and ask for forgiveness. He does hear the prayers of sinners, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever would believe on Him would not perish but have an everlasting life. Now I close with these words, *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*(Rev 22:17)

Your unworthy servant:

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr

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**LETTER OF CONDOLENCE
TO OUR
SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

Our beloved Sister the Sardis Association, please accept this letter of condolence in expression to you our deepest sympathy in the passing of your Beloved Elders, Brothers and Sister since your last assemblage.

They labored here in our Father's vineyard, sowing seed of kindness, now they leave us with lasting memories that shall comfort us, as we wait to join them in that eternal city, far beyond this earthly shore.

In Christ,
Brother Newsome, Brother Turner
Clerks

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

AND

MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL, 1999

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Gene Johnson, Floyd Jude, Mark Murphy, Frank Sheppard and Arvid Blevins.

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby SESCO, Paul Vance, Leonard SESCO, Richard Staton and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Doug McCarty, C. Edd Kidd, Thomas J. Dials, Larry Dixon, Richard Staton, John Wayne White, and Standford Branham.

MAY, 1999

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p. m. immediately following our once per year special business meeting set for 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Teddy Honaker, Lacy Walters and Leon Robinson.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO, Coy Combs and Lacy Walters with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Danny Hurley, Harrison Runyon, Kenneth B. Jude, Gregg Scott and Henry Jude.

JUNE, 1999

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Jerry Estep, Leon Robinson, Leonard SESCO, Jr., Hobart Hamilton with Moderator attending.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Wendell Hamilton, Roger Hicks and Richard Staton.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Raymond Smith, Thomas Tackett, Vernon Rose and Richard Staton.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, Jack Robinette, Henry Jude, Jerry Thompson and Elbert SESCO

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Jason Lowery, Dee Osborne, Bobby Sesco and Dale Williamson.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Homer Muncy, Jr., John Luxmore, Henry Jude, Vernon Rose, Murl Caudill, Harrison Runyon and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Paul Vance, Berlin Thornsbery, Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials and Floyd Jude.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Steve Robinson, Jr., Gary Compton and Joe Evans.

JULY, 1999

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Herman West, Kenneth Jude, Thomas J. Dials, and Frankie Scott.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Harrison Runyon, Thomas J. Dials, Arnold Whitaker, Gary Blevins, Jerry Runyon and Murl Caudill.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Richard Staton and Vernon Rose.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: John P. Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Monroe Jones and Paul Vance.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Buddy Carty, Raymond Stapleton, Claren Williams and Bill Cotton.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Steve Robinson, Jr., Virgil Fields and Leon Robinson.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Berlin Thornsbery, Howard Daniels, David Lester and Vernon Rose.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Danny Runyon, Richard Staton and Jerry Estep with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 1999

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis, Steve Robinson, Paul Vance, John Wayne White, Roger Stepp, Chris Watts and James Barney.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Mark Murphy, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billie Brumfield and Frank Sheppard.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton and Foster Blackburn.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Leonard SESCO, Elbert SESCO, Howard Daniels, Danny Runyon, Leon Robinson, Frankie Scott, Sidney Collins and Burl Sturgill.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Paul Vance, Hobart Hamilton, Edward Runyon, Clinton Moore and Edwin Hay.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Thomas J. Dials, Jason Lowery and Leon Robinson.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Robert R. Clay, Stanley Campbell, Bill Campbell, Berlin Thornsby and Bruce Forsyth.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1999

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Johnny Newsome, Garland Deel, Odes Williams, John B. Hamilton, Saval Combs, Albert Hamilton and Ellis Amburgey.

APRIL, 1999

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on Sunday after the first Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Jimmy Dye, Ellis Holbrook and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Danny McCoy, Sam Franks, Paul Vance and Thomas J. Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith, great grandson Joseph Donovan Thornsby, Gertrude Thacker, Ethel Layne, Maxie Laferty, and Patty Thornsby, daughter-in-law of Mary Thornsby, will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Dale Williamson, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton and Hurshell Huff.

MAY, 1999

MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Muncy Valley Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billy Adair, Dale Williamson, Tommy Ellis, Chris Watts and Richard Staton.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Arthur May and Willie Blackburn.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Danny Runyon, Gabe Lowe, Richard Staton and Dale Williamson.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May (Fraley) Harrison at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters and Joe Evans.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Leon Robinson, Foster Blackburn and Leonard Sesco.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Ted Robinson, Leonard Sesco, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters and Bobby Scott, Sr.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and Trixie Blackburn, his wife, and all the deceased on that cemetery at the old home place on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dials, Milford Lowe, Edward Runyon and Wallace Muncy.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, David Crigger, Joe Evans and Moderator to attend. There will be no church at the Bethany Church house on this Sunday.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Little, Billy Williamson, Richard Staton and Foster Blackburn.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters and Berlin Thornsbery.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. Ministers called: Billy Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran and Berlin Thornsbery.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on Memorial Day at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Frank Sheppard, Tommy Ellis and Mark Murphy.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the odd Sunday (May 30) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

JUNE, 1999

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Southern Home Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Danny Runyon, Odes Williams, and Elbert Sesco.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Leonard Sesco, Willie Stiltner, Tommy Ellis, Billie Brumfield and Harold Sesco.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Mary Thompson, husband George, and all the deceased on the Thompson Cemetery at the old home place at the foot of Brushy Mountain on Brushy Creek will be held on the first Sunday in June at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Leonard Sesco, Harold Sesco, Elbert Sesco, Dale Williamson and Billy Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery, also Elder Homer Muncy, Sr. and all others buried on the Ruby Muncy Cemetery as well as Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried near the mouth of Lackey Branch. This will be on the cemetery, weather permitting, at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Virgil Fields, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial of Elder Bill Jude and other family members at the old home place on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Tom Dials, Ralph Caudill, Estel Hamilton, Floyd Jude, Arvid Blevins and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Glen Lowe and his wife, Mary E. Lowe, at the home on Big Creek on the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Wendell Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on the third Sunday (June 20, 1999) at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Gary Young, Lacy Walters and Billy Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Howell and Jude Cemeteries in the head of Peter Cave at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe and Gabe D. Lowe.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Wendell Hamilton, Dale Williamson, Billy Williamson, Richard Staton, and Foster Blackburn.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans, Danny Runyon and Frank Sheppard.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Willie Blackburn, Leonard Sesco and Rex Napier.

JULY, 1999

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Sesco and Richard Staton. All Regular Baptist ministers welcome. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Leonard Sesco, Vernon Rose and Clifford Williams.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Sunday at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. All corresponding Elders are invited. Everyone welcome.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dials Cemetery on the Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials, Ben Scott and Paul Vance.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Paul Vance, Edwin Hay, Bobby Scott, Sr. and Lacy Walters.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the J. M. Taylor family and will include the Maynard, Fields, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Richard Staton and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Pilgrims Home Church on the Sunday after the third Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in memory of John Gilbert Blackburn. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Billy Williamson, Lacy Walters and Harold Sesco.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Meeting begins at the Sardis Church house on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Ministers called: Chris Watts, Charles Jarrell and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife, and of Cora Stacy, Tan Howell, Ora Howell, his wife, May Jude, Mary Moore, Ralph and Carey Reed, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

AUGUST, 1999

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the odd Sunday on August 1, 1999 at 10:30 a.m.. This will include Elder E. F. (Frank) Fields, his wife, Rebecca, Ellen (Kirk) Moore and Dim Moore, Vina (Fields) Kirk and Andy Kirk, Jean K. Webb, David Fields, Elmer Fields and Mint Fields and others. The cemetery is located about a mile below the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Leon Robinson and Lacy Walters.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the Sardis Association Building, Varney, KY on the odd Sunday in August at 10:00 a. m. Ministers called: James Tackett of Union Association, James Tackett of New Salem Association, Gary Compton and Omery Chuck Hall.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right-fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday at 5:00 p. m.. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Milford Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clinton Moore, Maynard Hay, Herbert May, John Wayne White, Arthur May and Jeffrey Dillon.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, John Paul Hamilton, Leon Robinson, Hobart Hamilton and Leonard Sesco.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters, Jimmy Dale Sanders and Jethro Hampton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Apple Orchard Cemetery, the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lennox, GA and the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Foster Blackburn, Richard Lowe, Ted Robinson and Moderator attending.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, Marion Preece, Sr., M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sam Franks, Murl Caudill, Monroe Jones, Richard Staton, John B. Hamilton, Buddy Carty and Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, West Virginia, on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Clifford Williams, Leon Robinson, Hobart Hamilton and Ernest Cochran.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosie Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Bobby Sesco, David Crigger, Joe Evans and Lacy Walters.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of the Church and the community. Services will begin at 10:30 a. m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Elbert Sesco, Don Little, Gary Compton and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Sunday in August at 5:00 p.m. at the Turkey Creek Church house for Mary M. Maynard and deceased family. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Gary Young, Leon Robinson, Billy Williamson and Danny Runyon..

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all the deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the Third Saturday. Ministers called: Johnny Bentley, John Wayne White, Bill Tackett and Ray Hamilton.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsberry and Edwin Hay.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family including Johnny Nichols, Sr., his wife and family, and the Lowe family of Gulnare, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson and Gabe Lowe.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude and Fletcher Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Floyd Jude and Thomas J. Dials.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Arvid Blevins, Berlin Thornsburry and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday and the same ministers called in the Communion Service will be used in this memorial meeting.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp. Dinner will be served nearby. Everyone welcome to bring a dish of their choice.

SEPTEMBER, 1999

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Paul Vance, Arthur May, Jerry Runyon and John Wayne White .

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday(Sept. 5) at 10:30 a.m. in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van Ivory McCoy, and others buried on this Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried near the mouth of Buck Branch are included. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe, Clifford Williams and Ben Scott.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of Brother Ira Robinson on the first Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Wendell Hamilton and Sabert Nichols. Everyone welcome.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house for those buried in the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Sabert Nichols, Danny Runyon, Leon Robinson, Thomas J. Dials and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A. C. and Bertha Young Cemetery in the memory of A. C. and Bertha Young and other deceased on Sunday after the first Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Roger Stepp, Leon Robinson and Billy Williamson.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church and the deceased buried in the Maynard Cemetery at Warfield, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Maynard Hay, Sabert Nichols, Claren Williams, Monroe Jones and Bobby Scott, Sr.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Leon Robinson, Wallace Muncy, David Crigger, Monroe Jones, and James Gannon.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house in memory of Oscar and Nannie McCoy, and their parents and other family members on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Bradley Billiter, Richard Staton and Hurshell Huff.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, his wife, their three sons, Ambrose, Matthew and Russell, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Paul Vance, Milford Lowe and Edwin Hay.

OCTOBER, 1999

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Gabe Lowe, Wallace Muncy, Floyd Jude, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Moderator to attend.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Gary Compton, Hobart Hamilton, Harold SESCO, Jerry Estep and Jimmy Dye.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Harold SESCO, Jason Lowery, Vernon Rose, Wendell Hamilton and Jerry Estep.

MT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dewey Roberts, Berlin Thornsby and Ellis Holbrook.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased who are buried on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Ellis Holbrook, Thomas J. Dials, Donnie Brown, Russell Hicks, Bob Adkins, and Jeff Dillon.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Raymond Smith, Herman West, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, and Richard Staton.

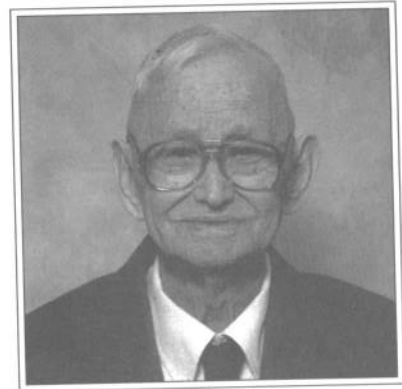
SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife, Annie Jude and her son T. J. Jude on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Clifford Williams and Virgil Fields.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Jason Lowery, Dee Osborne and Richard Staton.

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

ELDER JOHNIE L. NICHOLS

Johnie L. Nichols, 99 years old, was called from this world on February 13, 1998. Johnie was born on January 15, 1899, the son of Billie and Mintie Lowe Nichols at Heenon, KY. Johnie was raised in a family of five brothers: Jimmy, Joe, Willie, Robert, and Phinias Nichols and seven sisters: Elizabeth Taylor, Angeline Lowe, Ida Maynard, Dixie Indfinger, Hester Maynard, Lucy Maynard, and Sally Canada the only surviving member of the family. Johnie ,also, had two step brothers, Bradley and Ernest Hanners.



Johnie married Trixie L. Blackburn on August 14, 1920. They were married 61 years when Trixie left this world for Heaven to join Jesus's Angels. To this union was born five children: John Earl from Ashland, KY who died January 23, 1981, Mintie Mamian Blackburn of Belfry, KY, Mary Frona Justice of Robinson Creek, KY, Billie Joe of Winchester, KY and Wilburn from Columbus, OH.

Johnie is also survived by eight grandchildren: LaGrand Parsons, George Carey Blackburn, Diana Lynn Compton, Andrew Justice, Pamela Blackburn, Virginia Anne Chism, Barbara Lynn Nichols, and Lisa Carol Nichols. Seven grand-children: Kimberly Lynn Osborne, Deborah Jo Waddell, Kristin Renee Compton, Nicholas Brant Compton, Anthony Matthew Chism, Kelly Elizabeth Chism, And Sarah Elizabeth Justice, and one great-great-grandchild Joshua Lee Osborne.

Johnie was a logger, a farmer on Wolf Branch of Brushy and he carried mail from Mouth of Brushy to Prestonburg, KY. He enjoyed reading, squirrel hunting, and riding his mule to Church. He was a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church where he joined on the third Sunday in August, 1932. He was a Clerk in 1933 and a Deacon in 1934. He became an Ordained Minister in 1945. Johnie traveled around the area on horseback to the various Old Regular Baptist Churches singing, preaching, baptizing, ministering to the sick and needy, and inviting members to his home where Trixie always had a meal on the table.

Johnie lived a simple modest life, never knowing great riches in material things and money. However, if a man's wealth were measured in friends, family, and lives that he has in some way touched, then Johnie was one of the richest men in the world. We will all truly miss this little man who jumped with the Spirit of Jesus and who always told everyone about his Jesus

Written by his grand daughters: Diana Lynn Compton and Pamela Blackburn

VERNON "RAY" BEVINS

With much love, respect and fond memories, we will try to write the obituary of our dear father, Vernon Ray Bevins. He was a devoted husband, father, friend and most important a devoted worker for the Lord. He was a faithful member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.

Daddy was born on December 2, 1931 in Pike County. He was the son of the late James and Bertha Goff Bevins. He was married to Pluma Jean Ratliff Bevins, and to this union was born four sons: Donald Floyd Bevins, who preceded him in death, Roger Dale Bevins, Danny Ray Bevins and Randall Paul Bevins. Later, in his life he married Dianne Stanley Bevins. Survivors are his wife, three sons, four stepsons, one stepdaughter, seventeen grandchildren, one sister, one half sister and a host of friends.

Although he suffered many hardships and sorrows, his faith never faltered. He was an inspiration to his family and friends. His middle name "Ray" was true to life, he was like a "ray" of sunshine and happiness to anyone who knew him. Even though he will be missed, our loss is heavens gain. We were blessed to know such a man.

Written by his son and daughter-in-law
Roger and Linda Bevins



HERMA BLACKBURN

With precious thoughts and loving memories I will try to write an obituary of my mother, Herma Maynard Blackburn. Born April 13, 1916 in Martin County, KY, Mom departed this life on May 22, 1997 making her stay on earth 81 years. She was the daughter of Elbert and Susie Howard Maynard. She was married to Jobie Blackburn, October 16, 1938.

Mom and Dad both joined the Old Regular Baptist Church April 12, 1952. Mom was preceded in death by her father, Elbert; mother, Susie; and brothers Hansel, Howard and Haskel. She leaves behind to mourn her passing her husband, Jobie, and two children: Son, Ben Paul and wife Janice Young Blackburn of Alford, FL and daughter, Hollis Ann and husband A. L. "Larry" Williams of Cottondale, FL. Mom leaves six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Also surviving are one sister, Hertha Zigler, of Tallahassee, FL and two brothers: John H. of Anthony, FL and Handley B. of Ocala, FL.



Written by her children

OPAL CRIGGER BLACKBURN

At this time words are inadequate to express our sorrow and grief at the loss of our loved one. By the grace and guidance of God, I will attempt to fulfill the request of my sister-in-law that I write her eulogy. It is with a sad heart and forty-five years of good memories that I attempt this honored task Opal Crigger Blackburn, 81, went to rest in the arms of the Lord at 4:20 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 1998, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV. She was born December 16, 1916 to the late James Harvey and Martha Jane Hankins Crigger at Sidney, KY. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Geraldine Blackburn, in 1951 and a daughter-in-law, Delores Johnson Blackburn, on May 17, 1979; sisters Gladys Williamson and Hazel Smith; brothers, Cecil Crigger and Perry Andrew Crigger.



Survivors are: husband, Willie Casher Blackburn of Sidney, KY; son, Elder Stony Blackburn of Vermillion, OH; daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis Ann (Robert) Kiser of Huntington, WV and Irene "Deanie" (Dale Randal) Pinson of Chickamauga, GA; brother Earl Crigger of Sidney, KY; sisters, Bessie Pauley, Inis Brown, Edith Williamson all of Sidney, KY and Marie Allen of Monaville, WV; nine grandchildren; Sherry Lynn Blackburn Thornsberry, Rebecca Lynn Blackburn, Naomi Geneva Blackburn, Robert Keith Kiser, Eric Todd Kiser, Lisa Ann Kiser Issa, Melissa Kay Hatfield, Shannon Michelle Craven and Mark Randal Pinson: ten great grandchildren; Amanda Delores Thornsberry, Samantha Marie Thornsberry, Brianna Leigh Thornsberry, Gabriele Marie Kiser, Hannah Elizabeth Kiser, Zachariah Ali Issa, Kaitlyn Annay Issa, Courtney Opal Hatfield, Stephanie Ciara Craven and Raina Hope Craven. Opal became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on the first Sunday in July 1950 by Elders James G. Thornsberry and Henry C. Maynard. She remained faithful until the Lord called her home. No More can she fill her seat in the Dix Fork Church but many good memories will remain down through the coming years with those who loved her. Opal and Casher were united in marriage on December 17, 1936, at Canada, KY by the Rev. G. B. Bird. They would soon have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Casher would tell you that Opal's worth was far above all valuable gems of this world and that she possessed all the characteristics of a good wife as described in the 31st Chapter of Proverbs.

Opal was an example of an excellent mother. Her children can rise up and call her blessed, for she reared them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. To have known Opal was to have loved her. She never boasted about the many good deeds that she did while here on this earth and unknown by many people. She will be sorely missed by all her family, friends, relatives and the Dix Fork Church and community. Services were held at the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 24, 1998. Ministers of the Church conducting the services were Elders Ernest Cochran, David Crigger and Berlin Thornsberry. She was interred in the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, KY was in charge of the arrangements. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

When Jesus comes back on the clouds of Glory to get his Church, we feel that Opal will rise to meet him in the air, and so shall she ever be with the Lord in her eternal home. So, sleep on, Opal, and when you wake in his likeness, then you can be satisfied. Then you will be able to sing that new

song of redemption where there will be no sorrow, tears or pain, but all will be Peace and Joy forever more. This is not goodbye but only farewell for a little while.

Written by a Sister-in-law who loved her very much, Mrs. Wayne (Fay) Blackburn

PEM BLACKBURN

With much weakness and a broken heart I'll ask the great I Am to lead and guide my mind with love as I try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Pem Blackburn. The Lord let him stay here for 72 years, 7 months and 11 days. The Lord called him home on August 9, 1997. Pem was born on December 29, 1924, the son of the late Ben and Lucy Maynard Blackburn at Marie, KY. Pem was raised in a family of five brothers: one preceded him in death, Trolie; there are four left to mourn his loss: Jobie, Flem, Maltie, Harlen. He had four sisters, three preceded him in death: Madie, Earsie, Ivery and one left to mourn his loss, Louly Bell. Pem's parents, Ben and Lucy Blackburn were members of the Apple Orchard Regular Baptist Church.



Pem was a logger and farmer at Heemon, KY, on Brushy Creek and carried mail on a mule for Pike, Floyd, and Martin Counties. He was much more than a mail carrier to the people. He delivered news of births and deaths, he told people who was sick or needed a visit. He was 15 when he began to carry the mail. Pem always thought there must be an easier job out there for him. He was 18 when he came to Goody, KY. He got a job in the coal mines where he worked for 32 years. He also enjoyed trading and training horses, saddle trading, and enjoyed working with leather. He would take an old saddle and make it look like a new saddle, and had more information on people's ancestors than anyone I knew.

Daddy, as I called him, we always had love for each other. Pem and I were married April 5, 1952 in Williamson, WV. On May 5, 1952, we moved into a little house at Sharondale, KY on Pond Creek, with our son, LaGrand Parsons. So the Lord blessed us with a heart full of love and strength to improve and go on. On October 7, 1953, the good Lord blessed us with a wonderful son, George Carey Blackburn. On June 22, 1962, God gave us a wonderful daughter, Pamela Blackburn. God blessed us with two wonderful granddaughters, Kimberly Lynn and Deborah Jo, and one great-grandson, Joshua Lee.

His family sadly misses him, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gains.

Written by his wife, Mintie Nichols Blackburn

TOM CANADA

In great sorrow we will try to write the obituary of our dad, Tom Canada. He was born March 12, 1910. He was the son of Sam and Pite (Lowe) Canada. He was preceded in death by one son, Tom Junior, three infant children, one brother and five sisters. He is survived by his wife, Sally Nichols Canada., three daughters: Anna Williamson, Connie Walters and Rosa Ward, two sons, Charles and Paris Canada. He is also survived by seventeen grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild and three sisters: Ollie Salyers, Sally James and Eunice Young.

He became a member of the Regular Baptist Church on September 27, 1981. He was baptized by Elder Hiram Adkins and Elder Louie Muncy. Daddy never had much to say. But, if he spoke of anyone its was always something good. He always had a smile on his face for everyone which meant as much as the words he could have said.

Daddy worked for the gas company for many years out in the cold weather and heat, but he never complained. We thank you, daddy, so much for what you did for us. We may not have said it often enough, but he knew we loved him. Daddy laid in the bed and suffered so long, and he never complained and on Thursday night about 11:45 p.m. he decided to go home where he doesn't have to struggle anymore. Daddy, we put the handkerchief back in your hand that you always held so tightly for comfort, but we are sure you won't need it anymore. We will miss you, Daddy. It will be so hard to go on without you but we would not ask you to come back and suffer to be with us. We will take care of Mommy and we will meet you again someday.

With all our love, your children



JONAS AND LENNIE CLINE

With a very sad and aching heart, I will try with the help of the Dear LORD SAVIOUR to write the obituary of my dear uncle Jonas Cline and my aunt Lennie Glandon Cline. They were married on April 6, 1940 in Pikeville, KY. They had no children.

Jonas was born February 22, 1919 in Baisden, WV and left this earth on April 1, 1998. He was the son of the late Jesse and Belle Cline of Baisden. He left behind his wife Lennie Glandon Cline (now deceased) of 58 years and three brothers and two sisters. He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Jonas was a retired coal miner and a member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church of Baisden, WV. He and his wife joined the Rosa Old Regular Church on the 3rd Sunday in April, 1986. They were baptized by Elder Johnnie Cline and Brother Rutherford Cline. Jonas was more than an uncle to me, he felt like a grandfather. He was the sweetest, most kind and honest man I have ever known. Everyone whose life he touched loved him. He never had a harsh word for anyone. I loved him with all my heart and stood by him through all his sickness, and was glad I could help when needed. I feel



like if anyone made it to Heaven he sure did, and I would love to meet him there one day.

Lennie was born at Baisden, WV on September 28, 1916 to the late Henry and Susie (Perry) Glandon, making her stay here on earth just seventeen days short of 82 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jonas. She was, also, preceded by four brothers: Fred, Ted, Oliver and James Glandon and four sisters Ethel Cline, Ocie Lee, Artie Lester and Mavis Cline. She is survived by three sisters: Francis Mounts, Ester Allen and Alma Cline; brothers-in-law, Hillard Jimmy, Buddy Cline and Sister-in-laws Dale and Vernia Glandon, Alma Cline and Alma T. Cline, Ruth Cline, Florence S. Trent and Gean Hatfield; a host of nephews and nieces, great nieces and great nephews and was loved by all of them. She had a special nephew that she loved as her own son, Jamie Cline and a great nephew, Michael Ellis. Now to all who read this of their family and friends, Brother Jonas and Sister Lennie have left us here on earth and if we want to meet them again we will have to repent of our sins and be born again.

Written By Nephew Elder Hubert Glandon, Wife Sue and Niece Fonda Hatfield
Loved and sadly missed by Niece Fonda Cline Hatfield

SHELVA CLINE

With much sadness and sorrow, we will try to write the obituary of Shelva Cline. Shelva was born to the late Estil and Alcie Cline Ritchie on August 7, 1937 and departed August 16, 1997 making her stay here 60 years and 9 days.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers: Virgil, Hurshel and Steve Ritchie and one sister 3 months old Lilly Mae Ritchie.

She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Lavonda Cline Carter and husband Ricky of Baisden, WV and one son, Drexel Cline, with whom she lived with until her death. She also leaves four sisters: Causby Blankenship, Elva Thompson, Dessie Mae Cline, all of Baisden WV and Lennie Long of Nitro, WV and a host of friends from the Nitro, WV and Baisden, WV areas.

Shelva joined the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at Baisden, WV when she was about 25 years old. Shelva was loved by everyone who knew her. Her door was always opened to anyone who needed a helping hand. She has taken people into her home when they didn't have any place to go.

We believe she is resting from her labor with the rest of our family until God comes for the rest of his children. If the rest of our family doesn't repent our family circle will not be back as we once were. We want to say, as Shelva would say, "Get ready to live again in a better place where we won't be parting no more."

Written by Sisters Dessie Mae Cline and Elva Thompson

Special Messages:

Shelva,

Only God knows how much I miss you. You know how we all were so close. We always talked about things only we could understand. May God help us all to meet again someday.

Written by Sister Causby Blankenship



Mom,

Words can never explain our broken hearts that we had the day that God called you home. We know you are not in any more pain or sorrow. We know that you are happier now than you have ever been, but that doesn't stop our hearts for hurting so badly. Someday we pray that we will all be together again in Heaven, with the rest of the family that has gone on to rest. We didn't realize how much loneliness and sadness that our hearts could feel until the day God called you home. We miss and love you more everyday. You will always be in our hearts forever.

Written with Two Hearts Full of Love for MOM by Lavonda F. Carter and Drexel Cline

MARIE ELKINS

It is with great sorrow and yet with great hope that I write the obituary of our beloved mother. Our mother, Marie Elkins 74 years old, was born to Dora and Charlie Hughes of Kentucky. Preceding her in death was our precious father, Jonah Elkins. Mother died and left this world March 13, 1998. Mother was baptized into the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church on Trace Creek, Myrtle, WV.

She left in this world six children: Jack Elkins of Alum Creek, WV, Donald Elkins, Jonah Elkins, and Debra Jeffers all of Micco, WV, Jonetta Thomas of Flatrock, MI and Dianna Gambrel of Florence, KY.

Mother was strong in her faith, never wavering. She always believed in the mercy of the Lord toward her children.

Mother missed going to the Rebecca Church, one of the last things she said to me was she would have liked to go to the Old Rebecca Church, with tears in her eyes. She was very ill for a very long time and was unable to attend.

Mother is gone now but sometimes when its quite I think of her with sadness but then I see a picture of her and dad smiling and I believe their smiling down on us.

Written By Her Daughter, Debra Jeffers



JULIA ELLIS

In loving memory of my dear mother, Sister Julia Ellis, and by the help of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ I will attempt to write her obituary. Mother was born on March 24, 1923 and departed to be with Christ on December 8, 1997. She was married to Elder Mont Ellis who proceeded her in death. To this union was born ten children; three sons and seven daughters; one daughter proceeded her in death. God allowed her to live on this earth for 74 years. Mother committed her life to the Lord in June, 1960 and was a member of the Muncy Valley Old Regular Baptist Church when God called her home in December, 1997. She was 37 years old when she came to the Lord and



was a member of the Church for 37 years. She loved the Church and never wanted to do anything that she thought would be wrong and cause the Church trouble. She is sadly missed by those who knew and loved her, but by the Grace of God all who repent in this life and live the remnant of their life to the Glory of God the Father through Jesus Christ can meet her and all the Saints of God in Heaven where no sorrow, death, or pain can come. I believe if she could speak today that she would tell her children don't weep for me, but get ready to come home to be with me in the land where we can praise God forever.

Written by Elder Tommy Ellis

ETHEL EVANS

On Wednesday, August 26, 1998, at 9:55 p.m., according to her expectation, mother was conveyed to heaven by her friend, Jesus Christ, to meet her God face to face, with full assurance that one day after awhile, God would raise her flesh and make it pure and cleaner than the wind driven snow. The old Church has lost a great prayer warrior and bold soldier in the army of God. She served the Lord for 64 years and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ called Sardis Old Regular Baptist at Delbarton, WV. During the last few months, mommy was unable to attend church regularly and a called meeting was set every second and fourth Wednesday at her home. Her last meeting here on earth was joyful unto the Lord. Before Church was dismissed, Joan ask the Brothers to "Lay Hands on mom and pray for her." Brother Hobart Hamilton said, "Sister Joan, I'm glad you requested prayer because I felt the need for another prayer. "Oh! How mommy praised the Lord and rejoiced during the "Laying on of Hands." After Church was dismissed, we requested Brother Ben Robinson to sing "Prince of Peace." Even with mom's shortness of breath, she was able to sing some words with him. Little did we know that within the hour, the Lord, with his sweet mercy would come for mom. How gentle and tender he was and willing was she. How beautiful the memories of that night when mom fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Mommy never realized how much she was loved and esteemed among the Brothers and Sisters in Christ, for she counted herself among the smallest. It is a honor to her memory and a blessing to those left behind to be a part of and witness the homage paid to our dear sweet mother. Born April 9, 1921, in Martin County, KY, she was a daughter of the late Joe and Ada Horn Kirk. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Elder Cecil Evans, a daughter, May Fern Evans, granddaughters, Joan Elizabeth and Monica Michelle Bailey, brothers: Harland, Garland, Ira and Rush Farley Kirk. Survivors include son, Elder Joe Evans and wife, Sophia of Delbarton, WV daughters, Virginia Bailey and husband James Albert of Ragland, Joan Evans of the home and Barbara Rose Klein of Delbarton, WV. Grandchildren, Donald Joe Evans and wife, Angie of Delbarton, WV, Sonja Lynn Bailey Cline and husband Darnell of Ragland, WV, James Henry Bailey of Ragland, WV and Darrell Dexter Klein and wife, HESSIE LOU of Fayetteville, TN. Great grandchildren, Tony Neil Klein, Paden Todd Klein and Randal Steven Klein of Fayetteville, TN, Kimmie Rochelle Evans, Joseph Kyle Evans and Franklin Lee Evans of Delbarton, WV and Michael Joshua Cline of Ragland, WV. Sisters, Cordell Edwards and husband Charles of Barboursville, WV, Anna Rose Taylor and husband Lloyd of Forth Worth, TX, brothers, Ted Kirk and wife Mary of



Barboursville, WV, Millard Kirk and wife, Mary of Barboursville, WV, Irvin Kirk and wife, Polly of Huntington, WV and James Allen Kirk of Cedar Parks, TX. Sister-in-laws, Della Kirk, Louise Kirk and Mary Evans Diamond Etter, all of Delbarton, WV, brother-in-law, Garland Wilson of Delaware. One aunt, Lucy Horn Kirk of Delbarton, WV, and one uncle, Luther Kirk of Martin County, KY, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, friend and brothers and sisters of the Church. Mom is a beautiful flower in the Masters bouquet. Now she is where the angels sing. Our loss is Heaven's gain and by the Grace of God, we'll meet again, Come Spring. Sweet flowers, sweet mother, sweet Jesus my King, Life's greatest treasures God's given me.

Thank you Lord for my mommy.

Your loving children in nature and in Christ.

Elder Joe Evans, Sisters Joan Evans, Barbara Klein and Virginia Bailey

MARYLOU ALTA MCGINNIS FRALEY

Marylou Alta McGinnis Fraley, 87, formerly of Pleasant Grove, died Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at Presbyterian Medical Center, Washington, PA. She was born January 31, 1911, in Martin County, KY. She was the daughter of George and Susan Mollett McGinnis. She was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church in Hatfield, KY.

On September 18, 1932, she married John B. Fraley of Hatfield, KY. She was a mother and homemaker who enjoyed sewing, quilting and gardening. She was the mother of twelve children. Surviving are five daughters: Viva Fraley Riggle, Elsie Fraley Ozsrowsky and Manda Sue Fraley Maloy of Washington; Laverne Fraley Hampe of Waynesburg and Ina Fraley Boyle of Claysville; four sons; Merrill John Fraley of Vine Grove, KY; Wallace Monroe Fraley of Bowling Green, KY; Raymond Zader Fraley of Clayville and Norman Douglas Fraley of Washington; twenty six grandchildren, twenty nine great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are four brothers; Elijah, John, Willie and Nim McGinnis; two sisters; Manda Scalf and Sarah Delong; and three children: Roy, Ray and Bertha Carol Fraley.

JOHN B. HALE

Daddy loved home. He was always so glad to see the Wilkesville, OH "city" limit sign. He said that it seemed like he could breath better once he saw that sign. Daddy never wanted to go on vacation to other places. A trip every once in awhile to Kentucky or to an association was more than enough. Maybe this was because all Daddy ever needed or wanted he had right at home. He didn't need to go anywhere else to find happiness. He was completely happy at home with his family, his friends, and the Church. He loved his family, his friends, and the Church with all of his heart. Two weeks before he died, we were talking about church and Brother Ivory. He said "I have been so homesick since Brother Ivory died." I can never remember Daddy ever mentioning a longing for his Heavenly home as some people do. I knew then that Daddy was tired. His race was nearly over...his race was nearly won. Daddy used to sit by the window where he could watch the driveway and wait for us to come home. He couldn't rest until we were



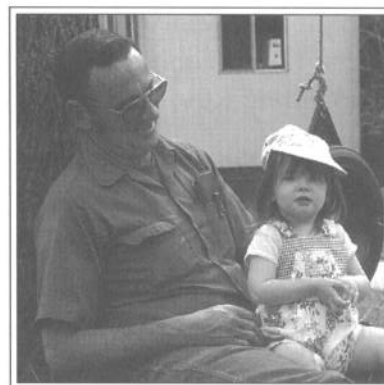
back from our travels. He would worry until we pulled in the driveway. All of us need to look in our hearts and decide what we need to do. Daddy would want us with him in his new home.

Daddy was born October 3, 1918. He was the son of the late Alonzo and Fanny "Taylor" Hale. He had two brothers and one sister. He married Claudia Williamson of Pike County, KY on August 23, 1941. To this union were born five children. With his marriage, Daddy gained additional brothers and sisters in the form of Mom's family. He never thought of them as just in-laws, but as brothers and sisters. He was a retired coal miner and a long standing member of the United Mine Workers of America. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist faith for 52 years and had his membership with Maggie's Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Dundas, OH. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Claudia "Williamson" Hale, three sons and two daughters-in-law: Claude and Susie Hale of Dexter, OH, William and Tammy Hale of Gonzales, LA, John E. Hale of Wilkesville, OH. He is also, survived by two daughters and a son-in-law: Karen Hale-Elliott of Dexter, OH, Katrena and Paul Claver of Seminole, FL. He had eleven grandchildren: Sandra "Hale" Holcomb, Richard Hale, Mary Hale, Andrea Hale, Angela Hale, Claude Lester Hale II, Jenny Beth Daniels, Kacie Hale, James Hale, Kelsey Hale and Andrew Hale and two great grandchildren: Kara and Kim Holcomb and one brother, W.H. Hale of Williamson, WV. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Ronnie Hale; a brother, Joseph Hale and a sister Sophia "Hale" Williamson. A peace has settled over our home. A peace that is mixed with a great sorrow. Daddy's hands no longer shake. He no longer needs the oxygen machine that bothered him so. He no longer needs our help to walk. He is not homesick any more.

Written by his baby daughter, Katrena "Katie" Hale-Claver

JOHN DAVID HALL

On March 10, 1998, God called home the finest husband, dad, and human being that I have ever known. He was a great, loving "Paw-Paw", to three grandchildren, David Scott, Jessica Erin and John Jacob. My husband, John David Hall, and I were married for 32 years. We had two sons, David Keith and Timothy. My husband was born at Lenore, WV on July 14, 1947. He was the son of Charles and Mabel Hall. He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Hall, and a sister Brenda Springsteen, and his dad, Elder Charles Hall. My husband's mother Mabel Hall and sister Lena Kirk, live and reside at Lenore, WV. My husband was baptized June 8, 1986 and took membership at Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church on Laurel Creek, WV. Our last words to each other were "I love you". I felt like I wanted to just hold on to him and be carried away in death with him, but I couldn't. Someday I hope to join him in Heaven. My heart aches and my home is so lonely now. My sons and I don't have him anymore to share our conversations with. I miss watching him play with our grandchildren. All we have left are our memories and memories are one gift of God that death does not destroy. So my wonderful husband sleep that peaceful sleep. Now all your pain, sickness and sorrow and grief are all passed. I feel that you are resting in peace in the arms of Jesus.



Written with an abundance of love, by his wife Imogene (Aldridge) Hall

ARNOLD HOWELL

By the help of our dear sweet Jesus, I will attempt to write the obituary of a faithful and loving husband and father. Arnold Howell, who departed this life on November 1, 1997 at eleven-thirty a.m. at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, KY. Making his stay on this earth 68 years and 28 days.

He was born October 4, 1929, to the late Ora (Reed) Howell and Tan Howell. They both were faithful members of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church until their death. To this union was born six boys and four girls. Two sisters Grethal Howell and Mae Jude preceded him in death.

Survivors include Dennis and Buddy Howell of Columbus, OH, Carmel Howell of Steeptown, WV, Dorothy Wilson of Hode, KY and Mary Staten of Jackson, MI., and a lot of nieces and nephew.

He married Elizabeth (Fletcher) Howell on September 3, 1949. This was a very special marriage, they loved and cared for each other through good and bad times. With their love and the grace of God they were blessed with six darling daughters. Irene Gamble of Hager Hill, KY, Shelba Hensley, Phyllis Marcum of River, KY, Kay Maynard, Sue Moore, and Tammy Maynard of Pilgrim, KY. He adopted two of his granddaughters Betsy (Preece) Bowen and Shirley (Preece) Bowen who he raised and loved as his own. He had four grandsons, six granddaughters, two great grandsons and two great granddaughters; who he loved very much. He always wanted a son, but the good Lord blessed him with eight wonderful son-in-laws that he loved and cherished as his own sons. The boys loved and thought of him as their Dad. They were always there for each other. Arnold was a quite hard working man who provided for his family. He worked at Island Creek # 25 mines for 28 years. He survived acute heart attack in 1976 and had to retire from the coal mines. Church, family, and friends meant everything to him. When you seen him he had a big smile on his face and some good words to tell you about the Lord.

He gave his life to the Lord on the fourth Sunday in October, 1980. He had his membership at Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved his church and could hardly wait until Sunday so he could go hear the good old gospel preached. When he would go and they had good preaching and singing he would say "there's nothing any better than to be in a good old fashion meeting" its almost like being in heaven.

He always stood up for what he felt and believed was right. He talked to his children telling them to go to church and get on that good road. He is gone now and we will never hear those good words of advice from him again, but those words are stamped in our minds and hearts. He lived a good Christian life and we know if we are to ever see Daddy again, we will have to get on that right road. Daddy is at rest now, he don't have to go to anymore hospitals, take anymore test, no more shots, no more pills, no more suffering, not anything except sweet eternal rest. With the good Lord's help we are getting by without your sweet presents, but its hard. The home place is just not the same without you. But someday we hope we will be together where our circle will never be broken again. I know that you are at rest now, so sleep on sweet Daddy until God awaken you from your peaceful sleep.

Sadly missed by: wife Elizabeth Howell end Daughters.



JONAH HOWELL

In loving memory of a precious, hard-working Daddy, we recall the life of Jonah Howell. Daddy was born on September 9, 1921 to Boyd and Vistie Vires Howell. He had eight brothers: (Tony, James Robert, Ester(deceased) Millard (deceased) Boyd Jr., Elmer, Clinton (deceased) and Hayse, four sisters: Vadie Maynard, Madie Howell(deceased) Sadie Maynard(deceased) and Charity K. Sammons.

On April 6, 1939 he married Nellie Fluty. To this union were born twelve children: Doris Jean Bowen, Judy Jude, James B. Howell, Floyd Howell, Louise Fletcher, Vistie Fletcher, Lloyd Fletcher (deceased), Becky Jude, Faye Jude, Jonah Howell, Jr., Jimmy Howell, and Connie Howell. He had 41 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. During our childhood years, times were very hard. But Daddy always made sure there was food on the table and that the basic needs of twelve children were met. He was a very hard working man and sometimes stayed away from home during the week with his job. He worked at sawmills, logging jobs, and in the coal mines. When these jobs were not available, he would take his sons and gather herbs. His greatest enjoyment seemed to be gardening. He had a proverbial "green thumb." Anything he planted seemed to grow and flourish. In his last years, he would plan all winter for the garden in the spring. He always had a bountiful harvest.

Daddy contracted Metastatic Melanoma and suffered greatly during the last year of his life. He gave his life to the Lord and was baptized on June 8, 1997 in the physical therapy pool at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV by Elder Gabe Lowe and Brother James Luther Scott. It was a day of great rejoicing and happiness for Mom, the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends gathered there. He placed his membership with the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church. Although he only had four short months to enjoy his Salvation here on earth, we know from the parable of the labourers in St. Matthew, Chapter 20 his reward will be just as great as those who came in the third or sixth or ninth hour. For Jesus said: "Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. He was unable to attend Church, but he would send for ministers and singers to come to his home and hold service. He loved the old songs and would often send for Brother Dewey Jude to come and sing.

Daddy passed away on October 1, 1997. His absence leaves a void that cannot be filled. However, we are comforted in the knowledge that death has a bright side for Christians. It is the end of some things we have enjoyed, but it is the beginning of a new life that will be far better and will never end. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.



Sadly missed by all the children

LEWIS JUDE

With the LORD's help, and a sad aching heart, I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Lewis Jude. He was the son of Jack Jude and Pearl (Blackburn) Jude. He was born May 26, 1932 at Laura, KY. and deceased January 24, 1998 at his home.

Lewis married Mary Ellen (Moor) Jude on January 31, 1955. To this union was born three sons: Michael A. Jude, Ronald R. Jude and Donald L. Jude. He has three daughters-in law, and four grandchildren. He has four sisters and eight brothers. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ for over 22 years. He was baptized the first Sunday in July of 1975 by hands of Elder Burton Howard and Brother Ralph Slone in the Mount Sterling Church. He was also a Veteran of the Korean War.

Lewis had been ill for 10 years with Cancer. He loved to go to Church, read his Bible and sing. He liked to sing "Peaceful In the Arm's of My Lord", "A Home Over Yonder", and "When My Feet Touch the Street of Gold".

I believe with all my heart, Lewis has gone to his home in Heaven and will walk down the street of gold where he will never need those crutches anymore. His pain is over forever. He told his sons to look after Mommy because she has been so good to Daddy. In his last remarks, he asked the boys and I to meet him in Heaven.

Lewis will be missed very much by his family and everyone who knew him, but we could tell by the look in his eyes as the boys and I stood by his bedside that Heaven would soon be his home.

Written by His Loving Wife, Mary Ellen Jude



SALLIE JUDE

Proverbs 31:10 & 20 Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

With the help of our Lord and Savior, we will attempt to write an obituary of Sister Sallie Jude. She was the daughter of the late Charley Frederick Jude and Arimentie Maynard Jude. She was born in Laura, KY on June 23, 1900. She was the youngest of eight children, all of who preceded her in death. Sister Sallie left this life for her eternal home, April 22, 1998, making her stay on earth 97 years and 10 months. In early life she met and married Elder Bill Jude in August of 1916, who also preceded her in death on January 26, 1957. To this union was born nine children, six sons and three daughters. Two sons, W. H. Jude and John Jude and one daughter Mabel Newsome preceded her in death.



Sister Sallie leaves behind four sons: Dave Jude of Pilgrim, KY, Charley Jude of Oceana, WV, Floyd Jude of Napolean, MI and Lewis Jude of Round Lake, MI and two daughters, Ethel Woodruff of Jackson, MI and Arimentie Hicks of Jackson, MI. She also raised two of her grandsons, Charles Jude of Lenora, WV and Thurman Jude of Pilgrim, KY and a granddaughter, Gale Stowers of Flatwoods, KY as her own. She had 35 grand children and a host of great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Sister Sallie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized the same day as her husband, which was the fourth Saturday of May 1932 at the hands of Elder Shadel Pauley and they placed their membership with the Sidney Church in Pilgrim, KY. She lived as a faithful member until she became disabled. Thurman and Irene Jude took care of her until their children were born and she needed around the clock care. She then stayed with Sister Ethel and Brother Woodie Woodruff her last years of life in Jackson, MI. I have known her for over 20 years and saw the life she lived and the fruit she bore, shouting and praising the Lord. I believe our loss is heaven's gain. I would like to say to the family, press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of the Lord. To the ones that don't know Jesus in the pardon of your sins, you need to get ready to meet Sister Sallie on Heavens's Bright Shore.

Written by the family and Elder Arvid Blevins

LACE MARCUM

O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! Thou shalt call and I will answer thee: Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine Hands.

Brother Lace Marcum of Chattaroy WV. passed from this earth to eternal rest on March 8, 1998. Brother Lace was born July 4, 1904 making his stay here on Gods footstool 93 years. The friends and family and the Little Rosie Church will surely miss Brother Lace, but we feel our loss is Heavens gain, as the Scripture says: A Good Name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death, is better than the day of ones birth, and I believe brother Lace had a good name by all who knew him. Brother Lace was the son of the late Allen and Virginia Marcum. He was married to the late Shirley Harris Marcum and to this union was born three children who are left to mourn his passing: Cordilla Clark of Pikeville, KY, Alberta Goodwin of Saint Louis, MO and Wanda Marcum of Chattaroy, WV. Also, left are fourteen grand children and several great grand children.

Brother Lace bore the marks of a true child of God; he was kind, he envieth not, he vaunteth not, he was not puffed up, and he did not behave him self unseemly, he was not easily provoked, he thought no evil, he rejoiced not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, he endured all things his love never failed. I believe with all my heart that he was a true child of God, and he is resting from his labors. There are some things that we do not know, and it Is best that we no not know them, but there are some things that we do know. We know that it was once appointed for man to die and after this the judgment, we know we are walking in the valley of the shadow of death and his rod and his



staff does comfort us, we know that we can't stay here forever and we must go the way of the earth, we know there shall be a Resurrection of the just and of the unjust, and we know if we have been born again we can meet our loved ones that have outstripped us in this life. I believe Brother Lace was like a tree, planted by the rivers of water and he brought forth his fruit in his season. Brother Lace loved his children and I know he would want me to tell them that repentance is required at the hands of all men, except you repent, you shall die in your sins and where Jesus is you cannot go. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy, commeth in the morning. I know that Brother Lace would say come and see me and Sister Shirley in our new home. The lord Gave and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21

Written for the family by Elder Wayne Herald Jr.

OSCAR McCOY

With much love and sadness and the help of the good Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear father-in-law, Brother Oscar McCoy. He was born in Pike County, KY on September 19, 1909 and departed this life on May 13, 1998, making his stay here on earth 88 years and 7 1/2 months. He was the son of the late Rosco and Cordelia Keesee McCoy. He was married to Nanie (Hunter) McCoy on March 25, 1932. Preceding him in death was his wife, a daughter, Sophie; two brothers, Johnny and Arthur (Pet) McCoy; five sisters: Truly Maynard, Emily Moore, Maxie McCoy, Clara Ross, and Gaithel Childers and several grandchildren. Brother Oscar left behind to mourn his loss two sons, Tracy and McKinley McCoy of Pikeville, KY; four daughters: Ella Francis and Ruth Hackworth of Pikeville, KY, Alice Clay of Prestonsburg, KY and Dorothy Nichols of Vermilion, OH. He also left behind one sister, Claudia Blackburn of Hardy, KY; one brother, Donnie McCoy of Michigan, twenty grandchildren, twenty seven great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives. Brother Oscar was baptized September 18, 1976 at the hands of Elder J.L. Nichols and Elder Ernest Cochran. He was a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved good old time Baptist singing and wrote several songs himself. Brother Oscar worked hard all his life. Among other things, he was a logger, merchant, saw miller, and carpenter. He loved farming and gardening and he always gave God the honor and glory for his bountiful crops. He was blessed with good health until just a few weeks before his death and he praised God for it.



Brother Oscar was more than a father-in-law to me, he was also my friend and Brother in Christ. I miss him dearly but he told me many times that he was ready to go home to be with Jesus. Our loss is Heaven's gain. We shared many things and spent much time together and our conversations were invariably about the Lord and what He had done for us. I miss him mostly going to Church where his seat is now empty, but he left behind a good witness. He fell asleep in the arms of Jesus where there will be no more pain or heartache. Brother Oscar would have his family love one another, trust in the Lord, and get ready to meet him in Heaven where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Written with love by his daughter-in-law, Sister Patsy McCoy

MALCOMN MARION MUNCY

It is with much sadness and the help of the Lord that I will attempt to write the obituary of Brother Malcomn Muncy. Brother Malcomn was not only a Brother in the Church, but he was also my cousin.

Brother Malcomn was born on November 28, 1905 on Meathouse, KY. He was the son of the late Mary Preece Muncy and Thomas Muncy. Brother Malcomn departed this life December 27, 1997 making his stay here upon this earth 94 years. Brother Malcomn was proceeded in death by two sisters; Emma Moore and HESSIE MAYNARD and six brothers: Jim Muncy, W. H. (Bill) Muncy, Oscar Muncy, Arthur "Tee" Muncy, Eddie Muncy and Edwin Muncy. Only one brother, Hayes Muncy of Inez, KY, still survives.



In 1941 Brother Malcomn was married to Sister Verse (Jude) Muncy. To this union was born three children: Delbert Muncy of Pilgrim, KY, Madge Muncy of the home and Glen Muncy who resides in Hurley, VA. Brother Malcomn was always a kind, hard working man as long as health permitted. In April of 1986, he moved out on his faith and gave his hand at the Old Sidney Church and was baptized. He then took his membership to the Leannah Church. I believe that it was apparent to all who knew Brother Malcomn that he had experienced a "new birth in Christ." He loved to go to Church and he also loved to see people come to visit him. His great faith was apparent to all. I truly feel that he has entered into that place of rest that the Bible tells us about. Brother Malcomn's body was laid to rest on the Muncy Family Cemetery on Meat house where other family members are buried He grew up there on the farm and no doubt spent many days both working and playing there during his youth.

He is sadly missed by his wife, Sister Verse; his daughter, Madge; his son, Delbert and his daughter in law, Darlene; their children: Randy, Danny and Priscilla; his son Glen Muncy and his wife as well as other family and friends. We won't say, goodbye, but just so long for a little while. I feel that We shall meet again...

Written by request of the family by Elder Homer Muncy, Jr.

VADIE BLACKBURN MUNCY

Sister Vadie was the daughter of Hiram and Anna Chapman Blackburn. She was born September, 1911 and died 1998. Sister Vadie was married to Earl Muncy and to this union was born two daughters, Anna E. Collier, Ashland, KY, and Carol Vernon of Pilgrim, KY. There are three grand children and six great grand children.

Sister Vadie was a member of the Leannah Church of the old Regular Baptist. I believe Sister Vadie lived her life as a light to the world. She loved the Church and attended as often as she could, even when her health was fading. She would always continue to press on showing the great love that is in the heart of God's people. Jesus is coming in the morning, when he appears in the cloud



of his Glory, the trumpet will sound and the dead will raise incorruptible. For if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, even so them which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him. Marvel not at this for the hour is coming in which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice and shall come forth. I believe our dear Sister Vadie will be in that great number that will hear that blessed voice saying, come on now inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. I would love to say to Sister Vadie's children, and grand children, and all her loved ones; please be ready to meet you mother, and grand mother in the great bye and bye. What a glorious thought, of a time that we all that love and serve him will enjoy the fullness of that glorious city where God and the angels dwell.

Love, Elder Sabert Nichols

MARGIE PINSON

With God's master hand I shall try to write the obituary of my beloved grandmother, Margie Pinson. She was born on June 17, 1904, the daughter of Samuel and Rachel Maynard Robinette.

Mamaw was married to the late Emzy "Bee" Pinson, and to this union four children were born. Mae Pinson and Oma Pinson Charles precedes her in death. She leaves her son, Glenville "Hawk" Pinson and her daughter, Nicie Pinson Tibbs with her beloved memory. Mamaw and papaw were both devoted Christians at the Pilgrim Home Church since 1939. Although she had been partially blind most of her adult life she loved Sundays when she could attend Church and worship with her brothers and sisters in Christ. There has been a great void in our life since her death on March 10, 1997. We know she has a better home in heaven and her precious eyes see all things in his glorious light. Mamaw was blest to keep house until she was 88 years old. How she loved to have company and cook for all of her loved ones and friends. She is sadly missed by all her family and everyone who knew her.

Written by her granddaughter, Sue



JUANITA REED

It is with a sad heart but with many loving and precious memories I will try to write the obituary of my beloved grandmother, Juanita McGuire Reed. Mamaw was born June 23, 1929 to the late Rell and Mary McGuire. She was called home to be with Jesus on March 20, 1998.

On July 18, 1945 she was united in marriage to my beloved grandfather, Johnny Reed, who preceded her in death. To this union were born five children. One son, Ronnie Reed, preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are Danny Reed, Barbara Wills, Thomas Reed and Susan George. She had eight brothers and sisters and seven grandchildren. She joined the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized, October 14, 1973. I spent many days talking and laughing with my grandmother. Now those moments are



precious memories. I miss her so but I would never bring her back to suffer again. Even though our hearts may be broken our loss is heaven's gain. It is such comfort to know she is now resting peacefully in heaven where she will suffer no more.

Written by her grand daughter, Angela Reed Dotson

LAKIE HAZEL ROBINETTE

Lakie Hazel Robinette was born September 28, 1918 and died March 26, 1998, making her stay on this earth 79 years, 6 months and 2 days. She was the daughter of the late Joe Bud and Vada Young Burris. She was married to Millard Robinette on April 4, 1937 who preceded her in death August 19, 1990.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church. She is survived by daughters: Helen Williamson and Peggy Robinson, both of Hatfield, KY and Mildred Rutherford of Huddy, KY; sons; Bobby Joe Robinette of Richmond, KY and James "Woody" Robinette of Canada, KY; sisters; Maxine Young, Hattie and Luna Bevins, all of Hatfield, KY; and fifteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Lakie's life was full with love for Millard, the family God gave them, the Church that was her home and all the friends she made in her life, and there were many. She delighted in each new day for each was filled with all the things she loved. We will miss her so. But I know that with the gentle breeze of spring we will hear her soft laughter carried along with it making beautiful music to soothe us along our way, In the warmth of the summer sun, we will feel her love surrounding us; keeping us together as a family and loving each other always. When the autumn leaves fall to cover the ground, we will be reminded of the people whose lives she touched as she walked along life's journey. The snow of winter is not an ending of anything but the beginning of all things. For once again the flowers will bloom and the garden will grow and we will think of Lakie and smile. For once again we will be reminded that because Lakie lived, all our lives were made better.

She was a rose among the thorns and "Just One Rose Will Do," go in peace, Lakie, for you were well loved.



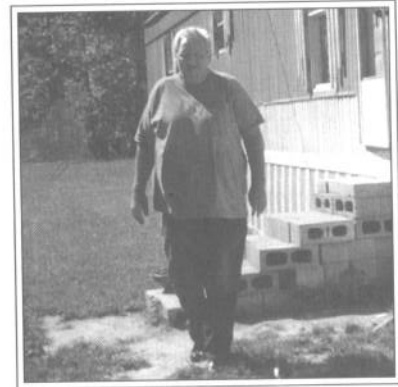
Written by her daughter-in-law with the deepest respect and love, Carletta Thornsby Robinette

TONY LEE ROBINETTE

It is with loving memories that I try to write the obituary of our loving husband and father. Tony Lee Robinette (Kingfish) was born August 13, 1942 at Varney, KY. He was the son of the late Butler and Vicie Canada Robinette. He went to be with Jesus April 24, 1998. He was saved in a prayer meeting at home on March 11, 1998 and was baptized March 14, 1998.

He was united in marriage to Linda Lou Hinkle Robinette on October 21, 1967. They were married for thirty wonderful years. He was blessed with three great children and one wonderful granddaughter. His daughters - Leslie Robin Robinette, Charles and Tony Lynn Robinette Lowe. His son - Shawn Keith Robinette. His granddaughter - Miranda LaDawn Charles. He has two brothers - Roy H. Robinette and Clifford Robinette. He has one sister - Martha Robinette Runyon. His sons-in-law are Gary Lee Charles and James Lowe.

He has many friends and family that will miss him dearly. But one day we'll be together again walking on streets of gold.



Written by his wife and children; Linda Lou Robinette, Leslie Robin Charles, Tony Lynn Lowe and Shawn Keith Robinette

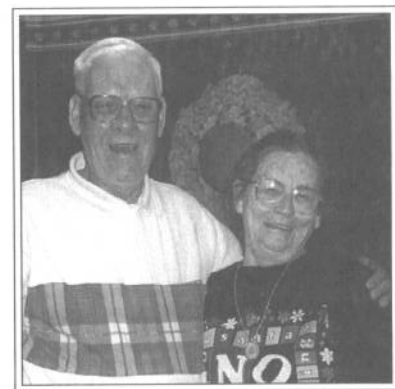
RAY THOMPSON

It is with a sad heart and great feeling of loneliness that I will attempts to write the obituary of my father, Ray Thompson. Daddy was born on April 8, 1925 at Baisden, WV and died on September 19, 1998 at Man Appalachian Regional Hospital, making his stay upon God's footstool, 73 years, 5 months, and 11 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Lydia Blankenship Thompson, a brother, Clarence Thompson, and a daughter Bernell Thompson.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Sammons Thompson, two daughters that helped him so much during his sickness, Charlotte Bradford and Marsha K. Mounts; and two sons, Jerry R. Thompson and Jackie D. Thompson, that loved him so very much.

He was a retired coal miner and joined the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church on March 1, 1987 and was baptized on the same Sunday by Elders Lacy Justice and Jerry R. Thompson.

Daddy loved going to Church and went to Church every Sunday and Sunday evening at the



Muncy Valley Old Regular Baptist Church. Daddy loved everybody. I'll never forget him telling me to have the brothers pray for him at our past association. He would always say, "Jesus is all and all" and he trusted his Lord when he was in the hospital, He told my brother and his wife that he did not want to go back to Gilbert Creek. I believe with all my heart and soul that God sent an angel to let him know that he was going to his new home that Jesus went away to prepare. He loved the song, "Jesus Left His Home In Glory" and "The Old Ship Of Zion."

I believe we can meet our Daddy in Heaven, but we must live our lives so Jesus will accept us and walk with us while here on earth as my Daddy did. Our loss in Heaven's gain, but the hurt is so great. God help us to be good, as Daddy would always tell us, so we all can meet in Heaven. We love you Daddy.

Your wife, Elizabeth Thompson, and children: Jerry, Jackie, Charlotte and Marsha

EFFIE WHITE TOMBLIN

Effie White Tomblin was born January 14, 1914 and died March 10, 1998 in Huntington, WV. She was the daughter of Comfort and Angeline Evans White. She was married to Taylor Tomblin who preceded her in death. Surviving are her children Kenneth and James Tomblin of Parkersburg, WV and Janice Curry of Huntington, WV, several grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Elk Fork Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. She is sadly missed by her family and friends.



Written by her daughter Janice Curry

NONA VIRES

Mom was born January 19, 1915. She died January 14, 1998 at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, KY.

She was the daughter of Robert and Cora Morrison, who preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Kermit Vires, one sister, Mattie Adams and two brothers, Ollie James Morrison and Irvin Morrison.

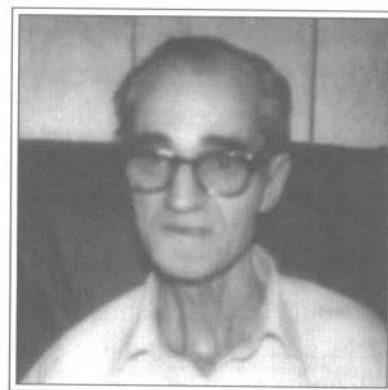
She is survived by one sister, Lizzie Lowe of Gulnare, KY and one brother, Robert Morrison, Jr. of Varney, KY. She is also survived by her two daughters, Nell Ruth Gilliam of Varney, KY and Annilee Ray of Winchester, KY. She also leaves behind five grandchildren: Sharon, Diane, David, Teresa and Mark; and five great grandchildren: Delaney, Eric, Kyle, Johnny and Brandon. Mom was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for about 30 years. She was loved by her family and friends. We miss her everyday. God bless.



Written by her daughter, Nell Ruth Gilliam and the family

JACK WILLIAMSON

With the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of Brother Jack Williamson. He was born Dec. 3, 1906 at Dix Fork, KY, the son of the late John B. and Polly Ann Williamson and was married to Sister Allie Brown on May 6, 1930 and to this union was born 11 children: four daughters, Ida Mae Reed of East Williamson, KY, Janice Williamson, Pikeville, KY, Betty Jane Rose, Chattaroy, WV, and Loretta Young of Varney, KY. Seven sons: George Ed, Hardy, KY, Ray, John and Woody of Sidney, KY, Hi Larry, Charleston, SC, and Roy Garland, Canada, KY. He was preceded in death by one son, Rush Coney, two grandchildren and six brothers. He has 36 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and one half-brother, Garland Cochran of Williamson.



Brother Jack joined the Church the Fourth Sunday in July, 1952 and baptized by Elders James Church and Henry Hensley and placed his membership with the Dix Fork Church where he was a faithful member and attended as long as he was able.

I've known Bro. Jack and his family since I was a young girl. I always found him to be a kind and gentle brother. He and Sister Allie has raised a large family and I'm sure there were hard times but they trusted in the Lord to help them. He was known for his honesty and the family said that even if it was years later, when he saved enough money, he would go back and pay his old debts. This is the life of a true Christian. The scriptures says "owe no man nothing" even though it might not always mean money, but Bro. Jack wanted to leave behind a good report.

In 1952, he counted up the cost and seeing that he had enough to build on, he made the most important decision of his life. He was given a ticket that didn't cost money but was bought with a price most costly, our dear Saviour's blood. He knew that this day was coming and he was going on a journey and when the death angel entered his room that night, he was ready to meet him. Some of the family said a few days before he died, he seen little babies in his room and ask them to check on them and said "they have been here all day.

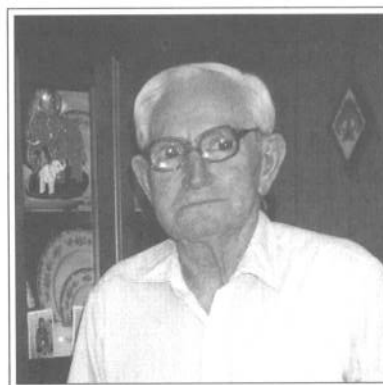
The Lord doesn't owe us anything, but he does reward his children. If you deny yourself and take up your cross, as Bro. Jack did, and follow him, he will make a way for you when you think there is no way and the best part of all, when death comes, he will pillar our dying heads in his gentle and loving arms and set our spirits free. What a sweet promise. I know for all of the children, that your mind will wonder back to the old home place and remember the happy times when you were young. You will hear voices of childhood days and often you would like to be back there but time has a way of turning us old but if you trust in our dear Saviour, he will change us and fashion us like his most glorious body and that is what all of his children are waiting on. So get prepared to meet him on that day because the signs and wonders are telling us that time is running out. God bless all of you and farewell to our dear Brother in Christ, until we meet again.

Written by Sister Geraldine Crigger

OBITUARIES
of
FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

KEITHER BLACKBURN

Keither's life on earth ended January 15, 1998 at the age of 74 years. He was the son of the late Floyd and Octavia Blackburn; a grandson of James and Julia Burchett and Wallace B. Taylor and Easter Angeline Lowe Scott Taylor of McCombs and Gulnare, KY. in Pike County.



Keither leaves to mourn his passing, his dear, devoted and loving wife, Irene of 51 years, three sons; Floyd Blackburn of McCombs, KY., Roger Lee Blackburn of Gulnare, KY, and Richard Nixon Blackburn of Meta, KY; three daughters; Sharon Kay Taylor of Gulnare, KY., Shelia Carol Blackburn of McCombs, KY., and Elizabeth Karen Blackburn of Pikeville, KY., one brother; James Wallace Blackburn of McCombs, KY; one sister Brook Taylor of McCombs, KY; ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Two brothers Lester Blackburn and Elster Blackburn both of McCombs preceded Keither in death; Lester in 1975 and Elster in 1993. A host of other relatives and friends join his family to mourn Keither's passing. Keither spent his entire life in Pike County, the last 40 years at the present residence.

Keither was actively working and serving his country and county until his health began to fail as a result of a heart condition on February 1, 1981. His early years spent farming with his dad and brothers. Later, they jointly cut timber and operated an old-time steam sawmill located on Mills Branch Road of McCombs, KY.

At the age of 19 Keither entered the Army to serve his country in 1942. After completion of his boot camp and basic training, he served in Germany in World War II. He served in the tank division. He received numerous medals which included the Purple Heart Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal. After his honorable discharge from the Army in 1945, he returned to help his family in timbering and the sawmill.

He was married to Irene Hite Blackburn on April 3, 1947 at the Pikeville Court House. They made their home with Floyd and Octavia Blackburn for the first 11 years of their marriage. After the death of his dad, Floyd in May, 1951, the family continued to work together and share the responsibility of caring for their mother's welfare in her latter years of life.

Keither was a small man, physically speaking, but no one knew that; nor did he. He continued to influence his family and friends for years to come until his death. In 1958, Keither was elected magistrate of the old District 5 which was the watershed of Johns Creek. He enjoyed talking with people and helping and serving them. In 1966-1970, he served as a deputy sheriff under Perry Justice. Again, it was an opportunity to serve his fellow man.

Needless to say, Keither was a dedicated republican. About two years ago someone borrowed his two cement elephants at the end of his driveway. They were never returned, but eventually both were replaced. Today, these elephants probably have tears running from their eyes.

Keither was small in stature but big in heart. He trusted in the people, and the people trusted in him. He made so many friendships that have lasted until his death and will last beyond it. Keither was always willing to accommodate people regardless of the circumstances.

After his years as a magistrate and deputy sheriff, he began to work in the coal fields and eventually became self-employed in the coal fields. Keither and his brothers, Elster and Jimmy began operating a strip-mine located at McCombs. They provided an opportunity for a lot of their family members and their friends to learn an occupation to support their families. Some learned how to operate heavy equipment, coal augers, or drive coal trucks. The majority of their family members and friends continue to provide for their families doing this type of work today.

After his health began to fail on February 1, 1981, Keither didn't have the energy to do much work. He began to enjoy his family and friends even more. He proudly displayed a license plate on his car that read "Let me tell you about my grandchildren". We need to look back and remember some of the wonderful memories each of us hold in our hearts and minds of times we spent with Keither.

Irene...remember, when you were married, the birth of each of your children, the birth of each of your grandchildren, and the birth of your great-grandchild. Remember your 50th wedding anniversary. Cherish these.

Floyd...remember when Keither gave Bill Claude, Roger, and you a cigar to light firecrackers with at Christmas. Each of you smoked the cigar and became very sick. To this day neither of you smoke. Keither was a good teacher.

Sharon...remember your rabbit and what happened to it. Remember Keither laughing and telling the story over and over again.

Shelia...remember what Keither said when Davie asked for your hand in marriage. He wasn't laughing when he answered Davie.

Elizabeth...remember the elevator at Myrtle Beach. Keither enjoyed telling that story over and over also.

Nixon...remember Keither was very proud of the name Richard Nixon.

Roger...remember Keither's last words to you "I love you."

I'm sure his nephews and nieces have many wonderful memories of their uncle. Cherish those memories. The grandchildren loved their paw paw and he loved them. I am sure Keither's in-laws have many precious memories of him. Share each of those with others.

Jimmy...remember all the wonderful times with your brother.

Brook...remember all the wonderful times with your brother. Cherish those memories.

Friends...remember how Keither helped you or your families. Don't let it stop but continue that help to other families and friends. Always be willing to accommodate people.

The family and friends were proud to know Keither as a loving husband, a wonderful father, a caring brother, a true and dependable friend. Keither helped so many people in so many ways and each of them are very grateful for that. Keither loved people and I know they loved him.

Roger's most treasured memory of his dad was that he always attended church for the last few years. He enjoyed attending the Regular Baptist Church. Roger had read scripture with his dad on numerous occasions. A few months ago Roger asked his dad if he had ever asked Jesus into his heart. Keither's reply was, "Roger, I have asked God to forgive me of my sin and come into my heart." Amen and Praise God.

Roger Lee Blackburn

BEULAH G. GARRABRANT

Beulah G. Garrabrant was born on August 15, 1930. She died at age 67 on Wednesday, December 24, 1997. Preceded in death by her parents. She was survived by her husband, Karl Garrabrant, her children: Tommy, Barbara, Terri, Timothy, and Jason. She had 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters and a lifetime friend of 65 years, Dessel Tawney.

Before her death she had given a beautiful testimony about her life and what the Lord had done for her. She was buried on December 28, 1997.

Mom is at rest now without anymore pain, which gives some comfort to her children.



Written by: Daughter Terri Adair and
Son in-law Elder Gary Adair

ANGELA KAY GILLEY

It is with a broken heart and many precious memories, I write the obituary of my beautiful daughter, Angela Kay Gilley. She not only possessed physical beauty, she was a lovely person inside. She always had a smile for everyone she met and was loved by all who knew her. She was especially drawn to children and was known as "Aunt Angie" to many of the youngsters in our community who cherished her friendship.

Angie was born on November 22, 1969 in Ocala, FL and was called away on October 9, 1997. She was twenty-nine years old when she was taken from us in a tragic automobile accident.

Angie was preceded in death by her brother, Walter F. Gilley, Jr. and is survived by her parents, Ethel Adair and Walter Gilley and a brother, Dennis O. Gilley, all of Sparr, FL. One of my earliest memories of Angie was her bubbly little laugh when she would run into her grandfather's house and happily shout, "Papaw, your sunshine is here." She was truly our sunshine and only God knows why she was called away at such a young age. She leaves a vacant place in our hearts and in our home that is impossible to fill, but we commit our sweet little Angie to a loving, all wise and merciful God who is able to help us bear the sorrow and loneliness we can't bear alone.



Written by her mother, Ethel Adair

DAVID THOMAS JUDE

David Thomas Jude was the son of Roger and Brenda Sue Jude of Lovely, KY. He was born October 1, 1992 at Williamson, WV and died August 8, 1998 in the Childrens Hospital at Cincinnati, OH.

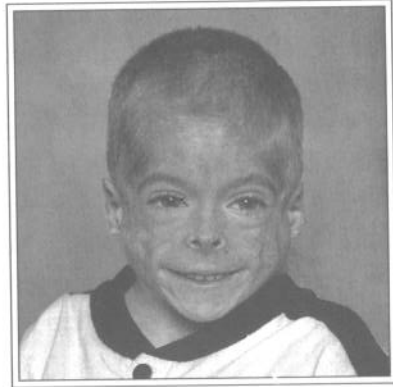
Survivors in addition to his parents are: Jennifer Lee and Melinda M. Jude, both of Lovely, KY. Brother, Jimmy Roger Jude of Lovely, KY. Also, Grandparents, Albert and Effie Mullins of Louisa, KY. Jim and Sadie Jude, Pilgrim, KY. Minnie Moore, and Joe Jude, both of Louisa, KY.

Little David is at rest now, God Knowing our hearts and our minds as we pray for this family. We ask the ones that don't know the Lord, you too can go where little David is. Please repent and be ready when Jesus calls.

POEM: You touched my heart and my soul, And I won't ask why you had to go, All the suffering will be no more, As you walk through God's door. You have gone on to a better place. Where there's no frowns and only smiles on every face, I will miss you more as the days go by, The pain may fade but your memory will never die, Your laughter will now fill the air, For there will be no pain you have to bare, You will never grow to be old, But you'll walk eternally on streets of gold, Though for now you'll walk without me, Until the day I can be with thee, Now you can run, jump, and play, And I will meet you on my faithful day, Then we can be together again, And put behind us what had been, I'll miss your smile and your touch, But I know you know you were loved very much.

Again I ask you to be ready, for the time will come, Jesus will come with Power and Great Glory.

On Behalf of the Jude Family: Roger and Brenda Sue Jude
Love, Elder Sabert Nichols



PEGGY MAYNARD ROBINETTE

This is a tribute to celebrate the life of Peggy Robinette. On March 24, 1930, Trudy Stanley Maynard and Dewey Maynard were blessed with a daughter. They named this baby girl, Gladys Marie, but as soon as this baby girl could talk she changed her name to Peggy and was forever known as Peggy. Her brothers and sisters were Archie, Helen, Fayette, Earsel, Jean, Junior and Janet. They grew and loved each other as families do.

When Peggy grew into a beautiful young lady, she met and married the love of her life, Vergil Robinette. He passed from this earth and left Peggy a young widow with six young children. Without any help from anyone but God, Peggy raised Ann, Tommy, Collene, Sandy, Rickey and Trish. Mommy kept food on our table and clothes on our back without ever complaining about the blows that life had dealt



her. Her life was hard but she found joy in watching her children grow. She laughed with us and showed us how to stand on our own feet and work for the things in life that we wanted. We admire our Mommy more than anyone else in our lives because of her courage and strength of character. No matter what adversity she had to face, she stood firm and solid. When Mommy was so very ill in body, we never once heard her rant at fate or complain. Her grandchildren; Jody, Candy, Seth, Justin, Leslie, Shasta, Kim, Samantha and Brittany learned so much about courage from watching Mommy face life.

We thank God so very much that he gave Mommy a mind and the will to ask forgiveness and confess Jesus as the Savior of her soul. On February 21, 1998, Mommy didn't have to wait all alone for Jesus to come for her. She was surrounded by loved ones and more love than a lot of people ever know. As her children walked with her to the river where Jesus waited with outstretched arms of love, he took her with Him to rest with soft, breathful sighs of peace. We know that Mommy is only resting from her labor. When Jesus comes for his family, Mommy will then begin to really, really live the life which she was meant to live. Mommy cannot come back to us, but by the bountiful Grace of God, we can go to her.

Forever loving you, Mommy,
Your Children

Sister Peggy gave her hand to become a member of the Pilgrims Home Church but she passed away before she could be baptized.

The Pilgrims Home Church

LORAIN SESCO

Loraine Sesco, of Sidney, KY, departed this world on December 10, 1997 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at the age of 74. She was the daughter of the late John and Della Farley Runyon, and the wife of the late Elder Lloyd Sesco. Dad, who served the Lord as a Regular Baptist minister for over 40 years, preceded her in death by two and one half years.. Her only son, Lloyd Irvine, passed away one year before her heath.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jack(Della) Reed, of Sidney, KY and Mrs. Randall(Deborah) Justice of Racoon, KY, and five grandchildren: Patrick Glenn Sesco, Raymond Lloyd Sesco, Amy Sue Reed, Erin Elizabeth Reed and Christopher Jordan Belcher.

Mom had a long battle the last four years of her life, but she showed the children and family what a strong and courageous person she had become. Her presence and touch is missed each day, and we are so thankful God gave us such a wonderful mother.



Written with love by her daughters,
Della Sue Reed and Deborah Ann Justice

LINZEY YOUNG

It is with a sad and broken heart and by the help of God I will attempt to write the obituary of my dearly loved nephew, Linzey Young, age 26 years.

Linzey was born to Venice Young and Ruby (Smith) Young of Varney, KY, who are left to mourn his passing.

He is survived by his wife Rita (Frazier) Young and one daughter, Katie Leighanne Young and one step daughter, Natasha Lynn Frazier all of Prestonsburg, KY.

Also, left to mourn his passing are two sisters, Linda Gail Hunt of Stanville, KY and Bertha Mae Horn of Inez, KY and one brother, Venice Glenn Young of Varney, KY. He also is survived by two brothers-in-law who loved him like a brother, Stevie Hunt and Bill Horn. He is also survived by three nephews and one niece. He also left a grandmother, Myrtle Smith and a great grandmother, Goldie Lewis, both of Stanville, KY. to mourn his passing.

Also left to mourn his passing are eleven uncles and five aunts and a host of friends and family.

Everyone who met Linzey loved him. He was a very loving person and a good friend to everyone. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word for everyone.

Pallbearers were Amos Smith, Brian Robinette, Dwayne Smith, Denziel Young II, James Gibson and Jessie Young. Honorary Pallbearers were his brothers-in-law and uncles.

I could say a lot about Linzey but time and paper won't let me. I want to say to the family, Linzey is at rest in the arms of Jesus. You can't bring him back but you can go to him through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Linzey, sleep on Honey and I will meet you over on the other side on the Resurrection Day. Your Aunt Toy loved you very much

Written by a broken hearted aunt who loved him dearly Toy Mae Varney

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

From a long series of experiences we, the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

ARTICLE 2. In the Letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the Union.

ARTICLE 4. The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted to this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

ARTICLE 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

ARTICLE 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with Minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

ARTICLE 12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

ARTICLE 13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power to provide for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have the power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God; the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost; and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.

ARTICLE 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the saviour is needed for our redemption.

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none shall fall away and be lost.

ARTICLE 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's Church on earth and the mode IMMERSION, back foremost, so as to cover all over.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by use of bread and the fruit of the vine, and feet washing should be kept up until his second coming by his believers.

ARTICLE 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as are regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church.

ARTICLE 11. We believe it to be the duty of all Church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the Church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous, and such doctrine shall be rejected by us.

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

ARTICLE 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His Shoulders.

ARTICLE 15. None of the above Articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men, nor shall any of those Articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 3. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ARTICLE 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

ARTICLE 6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association, and only five minutes at a time.

ARTICLE 8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

ARTICLE 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "brother."

ARTICLE 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

ARTICLE 11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

ARTICLE 12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

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REBECCA: Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, James Gillman
BENT BRANCH: Billy SESCO, Raymond Syck, Joe Blackburn
SARDIS: Donald Joe Evans, Mel Mahorn, Billie Brumfield
BIG BRANCH: Landon Taylor, James W. Blackburn, Gene Blackburn
MARY ELIZABETH: J. D. Walters, Wallace Muncy, Oscar Stepp
BETHANY: Arthur May, Archie Prince, Albert Cable
ELK FORK: Joe Evans, Clayburn Varney, Kenny Chafins
PILGRIMS HOME: Billy Williamson, Danny Runyon, Harold SESCO
SALEM: Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Bobby Lee Scott, Bobby SESCO
SIDNEY: Sabert Nichols, Virgil Fletcher, Butler Fletcher
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SAMARIA: Jerry Runyon, John Wayne White, Ellis Vance
ROSA: Charles Testerman, Jerry Thompson, Charles Paynter
MUNCY VALLEY: Tommy Ellis, Jim Stumbo
LITTLE VIRGIE: Willie Stiltner, Bob Justice, Alvin Thronbury
SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, William Adair, Sr., William Campbell, Jr.
PILGRIMS REST: Vernon Maynard, Leon Robinson, Gary Young
OKEECHOBEE: Ron Knox, Gordon Akers, Glen Dixon
ELIZABETH: Hershel Jude, Virgil Fields, Clyde Perry
LITTLE TAVIE: Chester Cochran, Jim Cochran, Lester Cochran

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	MODERATOR	Minutes Requested	Contribution	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Received by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Excluded	Total Membership	Starting Time	Meeting Time	Union and Communion
Mt. Pleasant	Frankie Scott	75	300								21	10:00/10:00	2	July
Apple Orchard	Thomas J. Dials	100	150	4	1				1		23	11:00/11:00	1	June
Enon	Richard L. Steton	75	100	1							12	11:00/11:00	1	June
Rebecca	Paul Vance	65	100							6	41	11:00/11:00	2	May
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	100	150	3	1						59	10:00/10:00	3	Aug
Sardis	Joe Evans	150	200								77	11:00/11:00	4	Aug
Big Branch	Richard Steton	165	250	1							25	11:00/11:00	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	125	150					2			43	11:00/11:00	3	July
Bethany	Arthur May	75	200							2	39	11:00/11:00	4	Aug
Elk Fork	Joe Evans	50	75								15	11:00/11:00	3	Aug
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	300	350	6							108	10:00/10:00	4	Aug
Salem	Elbert SESCO	125	250	6	3						69	11:00/11:00	1	May
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	125	125	1	1			1			25	2:00/10:30	4	June
Dix Fork	Ernest Cochran	150	300	1	1						43	11:00/11:00	1	July
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	100	150	1				1			35	11:00/11:00	4	July
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	150	2	2					1	43	10:30/10:30	2	July
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	150	1							23	10:30/10:30	3	June
Tabitha	Joe Evans	50	50	2							17	2:30/11:00	1	Aug
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	40	25	2							11	11:00/11:00	2	Apr
Turkey Creek	Leonard SESCO, Jr.	150	200								59	11:00/11:00	2	May
Samaria	Paul Vance	100	150	1	1			1			51	11:00/11:00	1	July
Rosa	Jerry Thompson	100	150	1							38	2:00/10:30	3	Aug
Muncy Valley	Tommy Ellis	10	100							1	7	11:00/11:00	2	June
Little Virgie	Richard Steton	75	100								8	11:00/11:00	4	June
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	200	200	6	1						74	10:30/10:30	1	Apr
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	50	50	4							16	10:30/10:30	2	June
Okeechobee	James Barney	150	190						1		20	4:00/10:00	3	Apr
Elizabeth	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	75	75								21	10:30/10:30	1	June
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	100	1							12	10:30/10:30	2	July
TOTALS		3105	4540	44	11	1	0	8	34	12	1035			